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## **New Jersey Department of Education Awards \$7.5 Million to Expand High-Impact Tutoring in 55 School Districts and Charter Schools**

**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has announced nearly \$7.5 million in grant funding to 55 school districts and charter schools across the state through the third round of funding in the New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High-Impact Tutoring Grant.

This investment, which is designed to accelerate student learning in English language arts and mathematics, directs resources to communities with the greatest academic need by targeting districts where student proficiency rates in grades 3 to 8 remain below 50 percent. The NJDOE continues to focus its resources and support on investments with demonstrated benefits to students.

“High-impact tutoring is one of the smartest investments we can make in our students,” **said Governor Sherrill**. “Through programs like this, we’ve seen that when tutoring is done well, it leads to real, measurable learning gains. These grants reflect our commitment to investing in strategies that work and making sure every dollar drives progress for students and strong outcomes for our state.”

“When high-impact tutoring is integrated into a school’s broader system of academic supports, the results can be significant,” **said Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner of Education**. “Through targeted funding, we are helping districts design and implement high-quality programs that are aligned to classroom learning, delivered consistently, and evaluated over time so students get the support they need to meet, and exceed, grade-level expectations.”

The preliminary grant awards – which range from \$20,000 to \$400,000, based on district enrollment and student performance data – are designed to support tutoring programs during the 2026-2027 school year.

Research has shown that tutoring is most effective when it is part of an intentional, highly focused effort. To that end, high-impact tutoring programs funded under this grant are expected to incorporate research-based components, including:

- Frequent tutoring sessions: three or more times per week
- Small group instruction with highly qualified tutors
- Alignment to classroom instruction and standards
- Continuous use of data to monitor and adjust instruction

The initiative also allows tutors to use Artificial Intelligence to enhance the program – through scheduling or as a diagnostic tool to identify a student’s gaps in learning, for instance – while ensuring educators retain strong oversight.

Participating districts will use the funds to provide tutoring during and outside of the school day, including before- and after-school programs and through summer learning opportunities. Programs will be tailored to meet local needs, while aligning with statewide goals of improving student achievement and closing persistent opportunity gaps.

As part of the program, schools will track student participation and progress using both local assessment tools and statewide data systems to measure growth and impact. The NJDOE will continue to provide technical assistance, program guidance, and monitoring throughout the grant period to support successful implementation and ensure effective use of funds.

**Awards: New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High-Impact Tutoring Grant – Cohort 3**

<b>County</b>	<b>District or Charter School</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Atlantic	Absecon City	\$80,000
Bergen	Bogota	\$80,000
Bergen	Englewood City	\$200,000
Bergen	Palisades Park	\$80,000
Burlington	Pemberton Township	\$200,000
Camden	Berlin Borough	\$80,000
Camden	Camden City	\$200,000
Camden	Clementon Borough	\$40,000
Camden	Gloucester Township	\$160,000
Camden	Pennsauken Township	\$197,902
Camden	Stratford Borough	\$72,723
Cape May	Lower Cape May Regional	\$80,000
Cape May	Lower Township	\$80,000
Cape May	Wildwood City	\$50,000
Charter	Paterson Charter School for Science & Technology	\$40,000
Camden	Mastery Schools of Camden	\$50,000
Charter	Middlesex Charter School, Perth Amboy	\$80,000
Charter	Empowerment Academy Charter School, Jersey City	\$50,000
Charter	Creativity Collaboratory Charter School, Salem County	\$148,500
Charter	Leap Academy Univ. Charter School, Camden	\$80,000
Charter	Sussex County Charter School for Technology	\$50,000
Charter	Phillip’s Academy Charter School of Paterson	\$20,000
Cumberland	Deerfield Township	\$50,000
Cumberland	Millville	\$200,000

County	District or Charter School	Grant Award
Essex	Bloomfield Township	\$160,000
Essex	Newark	\$400,000
Gloucester	Clayton	\$80,000
Hudson	Bayonne	\$319,990
Hunterdon	South Hunterdon Regional	\$20,000
Mercer	Lawrence Township	\$142,550
Middlesex	Dunellen	\$80,000
Middlesex	New Brunswick	\$400,000
Middlesex	Sayreville	\$159,280
Middlesex	South River	\$200,000
Middlesex	Woodbridge	\$319,680
Monmouth	Asbury Park	\$100,000
Monmouth	Keyport	\$80,000
Monmouth	Neptune Township	\$200,000
Morris	Mine Hill Township	\$40,000
Ocean	Barnegat Township	\$140,350
Ocean	Brick Township	\$320,000
Ocean	Jackson Township	\$160,000
Ocean	Lakewood	\$199,280
Ocean	Manchester Township	\$160,000
Ocean	Pinelands Regional	\$100,000
Salem	Pittsgrove Township	\$80,000
Salem	Quinton Township	\$80,000
Somerset	Bound Brook Borough	\$97,520
Somerset	Franklin Township	\$160,000
Somerset	Manville Borough	\$100,000
Sussex	Newton	\$80,000
Sussex	Vernon Township	\$160,000
Union	Roselle Park	\$199,230
Union	Union Township	\$320,000
Warren	Belvidere	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,477,005</b>

Additional funding may be allocated as resources become available, allowing districts to further expand their tutoring programs.

