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## Governor Christie Establishes Study Commission to Review the Effectiveness of All K-12 Student Assessments

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### ***Executive Order Creates Nine Member Panel to Assess and Provide Recommendations***

**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie today signed Executive Order No. 159 instituting a study commission that will review the effectiveness of all K-12 student assessments administered in New Jersey. The Commission is charged with reviewing and providing appropriate recommendations about the effectiveness of the volume, frequency, and impact of student testing occurring throughout New Jersey school districts, including those administered for college admission, college credit, and college pathways. The creation of this Commission will also help ensure the effectiveness of the Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the Common Core State Standards, and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) assessments.

"This Administration is committed to the educational success of every child, no matter the zip code," said Governor Christie. "Since 2010 we've enacted a series of measures that implement rigorous standards, develop excellent educators, and use high quality student assessments to gauge the progress of student learning and the effectiveness of classroom instruction. Establishing this commission is just another step in ensuring we're providing the best quality education possible to our students."

Governor Christie has repeatedly reaffirmed his commitment to providing a high-quality education to every New Jersey child through a focus on improving teacher quality while expanding choices for families in failing school districts:

For the fourth year in a row, Governor Christie has set a historic high for State spending for education. Total direct State aid to schools is over \$12.9 billion.

In August 2012, the Governor signed into law the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey (TEACHNJ) Act, marking the first extensive reform of New Jersey's teacher tenure law in over 100 years. In November of that same year, the Administration worked with teachers to bring the first performance-based pay system to Newark Schools.

The Christie Administration also has worked to increase the overall number of charter schools in New Jersey to 94, while focusing on quality and holding all schools accountable for results by closing 10 low-performing charter schools. Through measures such as the Urban Hope Act, Governor Christie has expanded educational options for children and their families by authorizing "renaissance schools" in Camden, Newark and Trenton to address failing schools in urban communities.

The Interdistrict Public School Choice program is increasing educational opportunities for students with the option of attending a public school outside the district of residence and without cost to parents.

Governor Christie took decisive action to reform the Camden School District. The Christie Administration, through the new state-appointed superintendent and leadership team, and in coordination with local and community leaders, is taking direct oversight in implementing the necessary reforms of the school district to start delivering better results for Camden students and their families.

Membership of the Commission will be comprised of 9 appointees who have practical experience, knowledge, or expertise in the areas of education policy or administration and will serve without compensation. The Commission will have the ability to consult with education stakeholders, practitioners, experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

An initial report of recommendations will be presented to the Governor no later than December 31, 2014, with a final report to be issued by July 31, 2015.

The Commission will expire upon the Governor's receipt of a report containing their final recommendations and a final report will be provided to the Legislature and made available to the public.

A copy of Executive Order No. 159 [pdf 25kB]

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