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NJEA Webinar Series in Support of All Members – PDII Response to COVID-19

Overview

In response to the number of requests for support and questions from the field, the Professional Development and Instructional Issues Division has planned a series of webinars addressing a wide variety of issues being brought forth by our members. The webinars will be curated on both NJEA.org and a Google calendar to which members may subscribe. The webinars address a variety of topics, including but not limited to:

- Conversations on equity and inclusivity (Freestyle Fridays)
- Tools for working remotely
- Information management
- Working safely and maintaining privacy in a remote environment
- Professional growth
- Health and safety
- Online pedagogy

All topic areas have webinars designed for ESP, Certificated Staff, or both. The topic list continues to expand and will be offered through the end of May with the potential to grow as needed. Sessions will be provided Monday through Friday.

All NJEA organized webinars will also be recorded and made available at NJEA.org and notification will be sent once ready.

Accessing Content

Via NJEA.org:

The content will be housed on NJEA.org on the Covid-19 site and will have links to all webinars along with information on how to register and participate.

Via Google Calendar:

Members can subscribe to Google Calendar that also contains links to the PDII Webinar series. In addition, PDII staff are curating resources from trusted providers and posting them to the calendar as well. These are designated by who is “presenting” the material. NJEA has no input nor provides certificates for third party content. The calendar may be accessed here - <https://bit.ly/NJEDWebinars>.

Earning Certificates

For members to earn a certificate, they need to attend to the following:

- Ensure up-to-date MARS information, especially email address.
- When signing into WebEx – provide full name and email address matching MARS information.
- Remain for the duration of the event.

For certificated staff, it is recommended that you request to update your Professional Development Plan (PDP) with your designated supervisor (administrator) to include webinar content.

Best Practices for Participants:

It is recommended that members participating in the sessions do the following

- Use a computer or iPad. A smartphone or call-in is not recommended as it will result in a diminished experience.
- Maintain a muted mic unless called upon by the host.
- Use headphones to prevent echo.
- If concerned about personal privacy, turn off camera. Sessions are being recorded.
- Use chat to ask questions or raise tech concerns