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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Nancy Curry, Director
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SUBJECT: Human Trafficking in New Jersey Schools

Three regional full-day symposiums entitled “Human Trafficking in Your Schools: The Ugly Truth,” will provide an overview of how students attending schools in New Jersey may go unnoticed as labor or sex trafficking victims. The programs are hosted by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) in collaboration with the NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF), NJ Division of Criminal Justice, NJ Administrative Office of the Courts, NJ Principals and Supervisors Association, NJ Association of School Administrators, NJ School Boards Association, Prevent Child Abuse NJ, Gloucester Township Police Department, Jefferson Township High School and Atlantic County Social Services.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Healthy Students (2015), “until recently, the trafficking of children in the United States has been clouded by a lack of awareness and exacerbated by stigma and denial.” The goal of the symposiums is to share prevention strategies, raise awareness on the warning signs of this crime, and make clear how to respond when a student is an apparent victim.

All school staff, including teachers, counselors, administrators, and those in food services, transportation, and custodial services, play a vital role in identification and reporting suspected cases and are invited to attend. The free sessions will be held as follows:

Date	Location	Time	Deadline to Register
November 18, 2016	Gloucester County Institute of Technology	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	October 28, 2016
December 6, 2016	DCF Professional Building	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	November 15, 2016
January 27, 2017	Bergen Community College/Lyndhurst	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	January 6, 2017

