

Executive View

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Renewal, Opportunity, and Leadership in a New School Year

“Expanding opportunities, strengthening connections, and supporting every school leader”

September marks a season of renewal. Each school year begins with a sense of promise and possibility, even as we confront increasingly complex challenges. At NJASA, our mission remains steadfast: to shape educational policy, influence regulations and legislation, and strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of school leaders through professional development, advocacy, and support services.

Last spring, we invited your feedback on how well we were achieving this mission. While we were deeply grateful for your overwhelmingly positive response, we did not pause long on your praise. Instead, we quickly turned to the question of how NJASA can serve you even better. Today, I am pleased to share the concrete steps we are taking to expand services and strengthen support for every member.

New Member Services

Human Resources Series at No Cost

Beginning this year, our highly regarded [Human Resources Seminar series](#) will be offered at no fee to all NJASA regular active members. These four sessions, featuring interactive presentations with recognized experts, are designed for those with HR responsibilities, including Chief School Administrators, central office leaders, and appropriate support staff. Each program will be timely and practical, reflecting the cyclical issues that arise throughout the school year. Participant feedback will continue to guide our planning.

Complimentary Legal Publications

For decades, NJASA’s respected legal team has provided members with [invaluable](#)

resources through Administrative Guides, School News Briefs, and Special Education Bulletins. Effective January 2026, these publications will be provided at no additional cost to all regular active members—ensuring every leader has access to the legal insights necessary to navigate today’s challenges.

Expanded Support for All Membership Categories

NJASA continues to grow beyond the superintendency. To better serve our members in diverse leadership roles, we will host three regional in-person meetings this fall, followed by three more in the spring. These sessions will focus on the unique needs of members in non-CSA positions while also providing opportunities for connection, collaboration, and leadership development.

Looking Ahead

The NJASA team has developed detailed plans for a wide array of programs and services this year. From professional development opportunities and certification programs to conferences and advocacy efforts, we remain committed to advancing your leadership and strengthening New Jersey’s public schools.

Highlights of the year ahead include:

- [**NJASA/NJASBO/NJSBA Fall Workshop**](#)
- [**TECHSPO® 2026**](#)
- [**Women’ Leadership Conference**](#)
- [**Spring Leadership Conference**](#)
- [**NJASA Advisory Network**](#)
- [**NJASA Executive Coaching**](#)
- [**NJASA Executive Administrative Assistants Program**](#)
- [**NJASA/NJPSA Leadership Academy**](#)
- Ongoing collaborations with [**NJ STRIDE**](#); and the [**New Jersey Education Technology Association**](#)
- Capitalizing on the [**NJASA AI Community on edWeb**](#).
- And much more to be found at the [**NJASA website**](#).

These events, programs, and partnerships—along with numerous committee meetings, virtual programs, and specialized networks—will ensure that every member has access to meaningful professional learning and a strong statewide community of colleagues.

Moving Forward Together

I encourage you to stay connected with NJASA—through your county affiliate, through our committees, and directly with our [staff](#). Your goals, insights, and experiences guide our work. Together, we will continue to strengthen the voice and influence of school leaders across New Jersey.

On behalf of the NJASA officers and staff, I extend best wishes for a successful and productive school year—for you, your district, and the students you serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard D. Bozza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

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