



The Future Ready Schools - NJ Monthly Newsletter

2019 FRS-NJ Submission Phase Has Closed

June 30th has passed and thus the 2019 Future Ready Schools - New Jersey submission phase has officially closed!

A record 197 schools from 62 districts submitted for the initial Bronze Tier school certification. Congratulations to all of your teams for joining the FRS-NJ community and starting your Future Ready journey!

Another 62 schools from 21 districts submitted for the second level Silver Tier school certification. Congratulations to all of your teams for learning from your Bronze Tier self-assessment experience and taking the next step!

The first cohort of Silver District Distinction submissions includes all four eligible school districts representing 33 Silver Tier certified schools. Congratulations to Northern Valley Regional High School District, Middletown Township Public Schools, Howell Township Public Schools, and Morris Plains School District!

This issue of the FRS-NJ Monthly issue is dedicated to what happens next now that the submission phase of the 2019 certification cycle has closed. Whether your school submitted for a 2019 certification, or your school intends to start the journey towards 2020 certification, the articles in this newsletter issue are designed to provide you with insight on what to expect in the waning months of the 2019 FRS-NJ certification cycle.

As an important note, as the project coordinator and sole full-time team member of Future Ready Schools - New Jersey, I will be on vacation starting July 4th and returning on Monday July 15th. During this time, the program's administration will be on hiatus. Do not hesitate to reach out with questions as I will respond to all communications as soon as I can upon my return.

Congratulations to the entire #FutureReadyNJ community for the best certification cycle yet and have a fantastic summer, you've all earned it!

- Jeremy Reich, FRS-NJ Project Coordinator

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Community News

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Future Ready Schools - NJ at NJSBA's Workshop 2019

Every year since 2017, Future Ready Schools - New Jersey has celebrated the accomplishments of the #FutureReadyNJ community at the New Jersey School Boards Association's annual Workshop conference in Atlantic City.

At this year's Workshop 2019, we will be holding the 2019 FRS-NJ Awards Ceremony on the main stage of the exhibit floor on Tuesday, October 22nd at 11am.

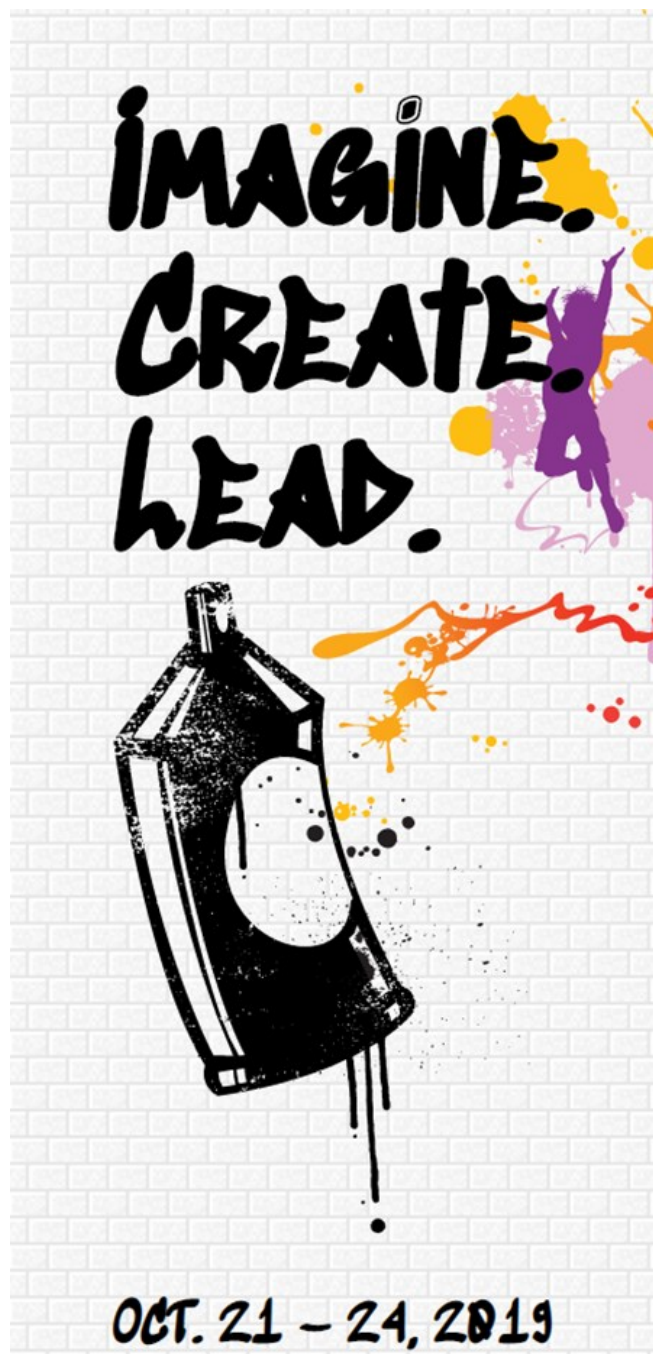
For the last two years the NJDOE's Commissioner of Education has joined NJSBA's Executive Director Dr. Lawrence Feinsod and representatives from the New Jersey Institute of Technology to recognize the accomplishments of each year's cohort of certified schools. We invite you to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of school and district Future Ready teams who achieve 2019 school certification and, even more prestigiously, those districts that are awarded the new Silver District Distinction!

Schools and districts that submitted for 2019 certification will know their status by September 15th in order to provide enough time to handle logistics and planning for district representative and team attendance at the ceremony.

FRS-NJ will also have a presence on the exhibit floor of the conference next to the main stage in the form of the FRS-NJ Center. The center will house a number of professional development sessions conducted by our

community leaders as well as community members from Silver Certified schools. Stay tuned as we prepare to announce these sessions in a future FRS-NJ Monthly Newsletter!

Learn more about NJSBA's Workshop 2019 and how to register for the conference at workshop.njsba.org!



Did Your School Submit This Year? Here's What to Expect Next

If you're reading this article, it is likely that you are one of over 260 schools that submitted for a 2019 Future Ready Schools - New Jersey school certification.

Congratulations! If you aren't then you are prudently looking ahead into the FRS-NJ certification process and we commend you on your foresight, planning, and leadership.

Logistical Review

After submitting for Bronze Tier or Silver Tier school certification, the first action that is taken is called the Logistical Review. This review is performed by the FRS-NJ project coordinator upon receipt of your official certification submission to ensure that the submission is ready for review by the FRS-NJ Awards Committee.

As part of this process, we make sure that all of the information provided is what was required in the certification submission form, we perform a random click test to ensure that submission document links are viewable by anyone with the link, and we set your Indicator Tracking sheet to view only in order to ensure the integrity of the review and certification process.

Once the logistical review is completed, you are notified via email and the successful submission is announced via Twitter and Facebook. If updates are needed, those updates are requested via the official school contact provided upon submission.

Awards Review

Upon successful completion of the Logistical Review, submissions are sent to the Awards Committee for review and feedback. The Awards Committee is split

into the three FRS-NJ Themes and provides feedback on submissions at two levels.

The primary method of providing feedback is in the Indicator Tracking Sheet submission, which is provided directly in your tracking sheet based on each indicator's rubric. Members of the Awards Committee may ask you questions in the tracking sheet about parts of your submission for the purposes of clarification, or if other concerns or issues with the submission arise. Please pay regular attention to your tracking sheet to see if there are any such comments, questions, or concerns.

September 15th is our deadline for notifying you of your final certification status so that you can adequately prepare for the Awards Ceremony at NJSBA's Workshop 2019 (see page 3).

Silver Tier Certification and Silver District Distinction

In addition to the indicator review process, Silver Tier school certification and the Silver District Distinction have a heavy focus on community leadership. This is reviewed by the FRS-NJ chairs and co-chairs of the community leadership team separately from your indicator submission. This means that silver certification and distinction notifications will likely come later than many bronze certification notifications.

The Whole Point

All submitters should remember that regardless of your final certification status, it is the journey of self-reflection, self-assessment, inclusive collaboration, and growth as a school and district that are at the heart of this process!



2019 Certified School District Representatives at NJSBA's Workshop 2018

Upcoming Community Events

STEM Leadership Forum

July 16th, 2019
NJIT, NJ

NJDOE Statewide Conference: Equity for All

July 31st, 2019
Ewing, NJ

NJEA TechStock

July 31st, 2019
Galloway, NJ

Hunterdon County EdTech Fest

August 7th, 2019
Flemington, NJ

Spring Open House 2019 at NJIT

August 28th 2019
Newark, NJ

Assistive Technology Summit (ATAC of DRNJ) 2019

September 24th 2019
West Windsor Township, NJ



FRS Leadership Institute

September 24-25th, 2019
Manchester, NH

Pequannock Tech Summit

October 11th, 2019
Pequannock, NJ

National Digital Learning Day (#DLDay)

February 27th, 2020
Nationwide



Want to share your events with the FRS-NJ community?

Share them with by using the hashtag #FutureReadyNJ on Twitter or by emailing us at frs-nj@njit.edu!



If you see the FRS-NJ icon, we'll be there so come say hi!

Upcoming Program Events

2019 FRS-NJ Awards Ceremony at NJSBA's Workshop

October 22nd, 2019

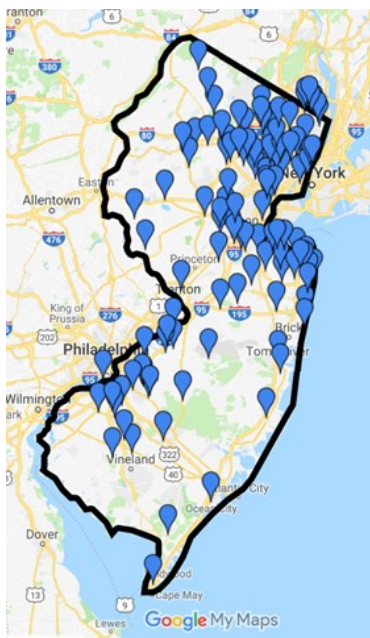
Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ

Join us at NJSBA's Workshop 2019 in Atlantic City for this year's FRS-NJ Awards Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of the #FutureReadyNJ community! The exact timing is still to be determined, but the ceremony takes place each year on the first full day of the convention at the main state after the conference opening. Then, join us in the FRS-NJ Center to learn from fellow New Jersey educators who have been certified!

Stay tuned for more information and learn more about Workshop 2019 here: <https://workshop.njsba.org/>

We hope to see you there!

FRS-NJ By the Numbers



As of the date of publication, **129** NJ Districts have officially committed to support their schools' #FutureReady efforts (left).

From those districts, **430** schools have officially declared their participation in the program (right).

Find out which districts are committed, participating, and more on our official [FRS-NJ Maps page](#)!

Is your school Future Ready?

