

# FEA Gifted & Talented Series



## **Presenters:**

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Meeting the needs of gifted and talented students raises many complex and interrelated challenges. How do we address the needs of our gifted and talented students as they return to full-time in-person learning? How do we address the social and emotional learning needs of our G & T students? How do we ensure an equitable approach to identifying and serving G & T students and address underserved populations, such as students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and students of color? What can we learn from the experience of our colleagues across the State and the work being done at the state level by the NJDOE? What lessons can we learn from the legal disputes that have arisen across the country related to serving G & T students? This series will provide participants with a clear understanding of applicable state and federal law, raise awareness of best practices and key resources, and provide tools for helping districts put in place a comprehensive program that equitably serves all of our gifted and talented students.

This series includes three half-day workshops and a one-hour webinar.

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### **Half-Day Workshops (1:30 - 4:30 pm)**

[Gifted and Talented Education in New Jersey: The Law, Latest Guidance and Best Practices](#) - **Oct. 28, 2021**

[Equity in Gifted and Talented Education Programming – Equity and The Law, G&T Program Equity Audits and Urban School District Programming](#) - **Dec. 9, 2021**

[Best Practices in Gifted and Talented Education Programming](#) - **Mar. 3, 2022**

### **One-Hour Webinar**

[The Strengthening Gifted Education Act – What’s New? What Remains? What Will Be?](#) - **Jan. 19, 2022**

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**Fee: \$235 for Members and \$310 for non-members**

**Participants can still register for individual workshop sessions at \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members, and can register for the Jan. 19, 2022 webinar for \$40.**

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