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I. New: Suite of Six Online Virtual Topical Courses for Student Work-Based Learning

Beginning in late January 2021, the NJ Safe Schools program will be offering its suite of six online virtual courses to districts and schools to accommodate the current work and learn from home requirements or hybrid alternatives in NJ and to have data/documentation for the 2020-2021 school year into the "NJ SMART" system on student work-based learning (WBL). Indeed, this opportunity for career exploration is approved as part of the formal guidance from NJDOE to secondary school districts and approved comprehensive high school programs. As a way of supporting school districts in providing WBL experiences to their students, NJ schools will have the opportunity to enroll their students in different cohort groups to complete the suite of six NJ Safe Schools online virtual courses.

These series of courses can also be completed by students who are not participating in WBL programs.

Cohort (Teacher and Students Group)	Estimated Time Period to Start and Finish Free Topical Courses	1st Course Taken	2nd Course Taken	3rd Course Taken	4th Course Taken	5th Course Taken	6th Course Taken
1	1/20-3/18/2021	New and Young Workers Course on wage and hour and child labor laws including minimum wage	Introduction to Quantitative Risk Assessment Course	Introduction to Personal Protective Equipment Course	Cyber-security and Cyber-safety Course	Introduction to Apprenticeships Course	NJDOE-NJSS Introductory Course ("+" portion of OSHA 10 Plus General Industry)
2	3/17-4/30/2021						
3	4/21-5/31/2021						
4	month of June 2021						
5	month of July 2021						
6	Sept-Oct 2021						
7	Nov-Dec 2021						

Please note cohorts 1-2 are longer periods of time because include President's Days, Passover, Good Friday, Easter Sunday holidays.

Students will be enrolled in one course at a time. Once a course is completed, the student will be enrolled into the next. At the end of the cohort time period, we will provide students (copy to supervising teacher or administrator) a formal memo on letterhead documenting completion of series of six courses. This is in addition to a certificate of completion for each course.

To enroll students in the courses, please email cscbre@sph.rutgers.edu with an excel spread sheet containing students' first name, last name and school administered (or formally accepted for tracking purposes) email address.

II. New: Grant Opportunity in Support of Internet Connectivity for NJ Schools

The [New Jersey League of Municipalities Foundation](#) is offering a first round of ten(10) \$10,000 grants to assist local governments and schools (pre K-12) addressing internet connectivity challenges related to virtual/distance learning. These may include:

- Remote learning from school buildings with connectivity issues
- Limited internet access among students and faculty in particular school locations
- Shortage of necessary devices to access web-based services

Priority will be given to applicants who have a definable need and who demonstrate a partnership with school districts and municipal officials. To be considered, submit the following to Mike Cerra at mcerra@njlm.org:

- Two-page summary of your proposal, to include:
 - Summary of issues to be addressed
 - Scope of work
 - Cost estimate
- Statement of support/cooperation between the municipality and school district
- Point of contact

Finally, please note:

Submissions accepted until Monday, February 1, 2021. Recipients notified in writing the week of March 1, 2021.