

# Central Jersey Consortium for Excellence & Equity 2021-2022

*"Preparing Each and Every Student for Success in School Achievement,  
in Post-Secondary Education, and in Life"*



## Topic of the Year

Embracing a Transformative Approach:  
Challenging Racial Inequity

The Central Jersey Consortium for Excellence and Equity (CJCEE) is an evolving collaboration of administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and elementary and secondary students that are collectively committed to learning and working together to enhance the achievement and well-being of all students, as well as increasing the academic performance, engagement, and future success of traditionally underachieving students. CJCEE focuses on inter-district collaboration and shared learning for continuous improvement in eliminating the disparities in achievement and school engagement among students.

### Team Concept

This year, each district will be sending a team to each session. The team members will work together the entire year. It is highly recommended that the team remain the same each session.

### Who should be on our team?

Your team should consist of administrators, classroom teachers, specialists, school counselors, school social workers, and support staff. Team members should be interested in the topic of social justice and come ready to work. These team members will also serve as the individuals mentoring and assisting the students in the work they will do over the year.

### Which students should we send?

Your students should be leaders who are committed to and interested in social justice work. These students will work with the adult team that will be representing your district. Students will be expected to attend two conferences (October and June) and implement district set goals at the student level.

### How it will work?

In September, the teams will attend a planning session where the team will determine their specific goals for implementation during the academic year. In October, the students will attend a conference event (along with the team) where they will learn about their district's goals and how they, as students, can help bring those goals to fruition. Students will work with the adult team members from their district throughout the year.

Each adult session during the academic year will build upon the previous session. The sessions will intertwine the goals set in September into action throughout the year. Finally, in June, the students will return (along with the team) for the culminating event of the year.

### Session Information

This year, we will utilize a team concept. Please be certain that members of your team are committed to social justice and will attend all sessions.

## 2021-2022 Event Dates

### Adult team events:

September 20, 2021    January 24, 2022  
November 15, 2021    March 7, 2022  
December 13, 2021

### Student events:

October 6, 2021  
June 8, 2022

All sessions and conferences are virtual from **9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

[CJCEE Webpage](#)

## Meet This Year's Speaker



**Paul Gorski** is the founder of the Equity Literacy Institute and EdChange. He has more than 20 years of experience helping educators, nonprofit workers, and others strengthen their equity efforts. He has worked with educators in 48 states and a dozen countries. Paul has published more than 70 articles and has written, co-written, or co-edited twelve books on various aspects of educational equity including *Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap* and *Case Studies on Diversity and Social Justice Education* (with Seema Pothini). He is the author of the *Multicultural Pavilion*, an online compendium of free resources for educators. Paul earned a PhD in Educational Evaluation at the University of Virginia. He was a teacher educator at several universities for 15 years. He is also a published poet, a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and is the biggest fan of his cat, Buster.

## 2021-2022 Membership Options

### Standard Membership

The membership fee for the CJCEE for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$2,000 and includes a free membership to either the Principals' Academy or the Superintendents' Academy. The membership includes fifteen (15) adult team members (administrators, teachers, counselors, staff, etc.) and ten (10) student participants.

### Complete Membership Package

A complete one-year membership package that includes the CJCEE, Superintendents' Academy, Principals' Academy and Special Services Academy, all for \$2,250.

### Information about our 2021-2022 sessions

The CJCEE sessions will be two-and-a-half hours long to accommodate the virtual setting. Sessions are organized to facilitate the work of district teams to accomplish specific goals for the district. Therefore, the overarching purpose is to apply what is learned in the CJCEE sessions to your work with diversity in the schools.

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