

# **Stockton Provost Kesselman of Mays Landing Named to State Task Force on College and Career Readiness**

Group Charged With Development of Educational Standards and  
Assessment to Determine Student Readiness for College and Workforce

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The Task Force will also:

- x Develop and recommend specific means for the measurement of academic success for schools and school districts as a valid indication of student readiness, including a new exam
- x Identify key data needs related to the diverse demographics of the state and alignment with best practices for appropriate high school and college completion
- x Establishment of a transition plan and guidelines for the implementation of the new system
- x Engage teachers, school, and business leaders and the general public in the process
- x Conduct field testing to ensure effectiveness of the new standards and assessments
- x Identify professional development needs for educators.

“We have much work ahead of us; however we expect the outcome to be of significant benefit for the state, its students, and workforce,” Dr. Kesselman said. “Assessment, measurability and accountability are here to stay. Students want to graduate high school with an expectation of getting into the college or university of their choice and to be qualified for a good job. Colleges want to maintain and improve retention rates and New Jersey wants to combat the out-migration of our students. It is quite a task, but that is what this Task Force will set out to help achieve.”

The group will compile and provide an extensive report of its recommendations before the end of 2011.

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