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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Members of the School Community,

I am writing to provide you with information about the 2017-2018 New Jersey School Performance Reports, which were recently released and are available on the NJ School Performance reports webpage at www.njschooldata.org. This link will also be posted on our district website.

The School Performance Reports reflect the New Jersey Department of Education’s (NJDOE) extensive efforts to engage with parents, students and school communities, and share the information that is most valuable in providing a picture of overall school performance. We encourage you to use these reports to learn more about your school district, start conversations with school community members and ask questions; and engage with school communities to identify what schools are doing well and where they can improve.

The School Performance Reports were developed with, and are continually improved by, the feedback from stakeholders like you. Here are some of the improvements for the 2017-2018 School Performance Reports based on feedback:

- More informative, easier to understand one-page Summary reports;
- Additional navigation tools and an improved search page within the reports;
- Emphasis on student growth with the growth section of the reports newly featured before the academic achievement section in the reports; and
- More information about Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, dual enrollment, graduation pathways, progress toward English Language proficiency, staff demographics, and discipline.

Along with full reports, one-page Summary Reports for each school and district are also available. The Summary Reports provide a high-level summary of how well a school or district is performing with data that address questions such as:

- How does our students’ growth compare to students’ growth in other districts?
- Enrollment trends
- Are students’ college and career ready?
- Are students at risk?
- How did students perform on assessments?

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A Summary Report Guide is also available on the School Performance Reports webpage to explain the different data points on the Summary Reports.

The NJDOE continues to seek your input on how to further improve the readability and usability of these reports. Please complete the feedback survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKNTTRC or email reportcard@doe.nj.gov with feedback and suggestions.

Thank you,

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