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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Survey of Parents of Students with Disabilities

Pennsylvania's State Performance Plan requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 include collecting and reporting data on the involvement of families in special education programs. Specifically, states must report annually to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the public on State Performance Plan Indicator 8 which is the: "percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities."

Like many other states, Pennsylvania is collecting this data through a large-scale survey. Pennsylvania reports results of the survey to OSEP in its State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report. This report is posted on the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) websites. Reporting on local educational agency (LEA) performance is done through the Special Education Data Reports on the PennData website.

To ensure that parents from every LEA in the commonwealth are included in the survey, PDE developed a sampling plan that was approved by OSEP. Under this sampling, each year PDE collects data from a representative sample of parents in approximately one-fifth of the LEAs in the Commonwealth. In addition, not all parents will receive the survey as it is a sample within each LEA. The LEAs in this year's sample are listed below. Parents receiving the survey were selected from PA Special Education Data using a stratified random sample of school age students in each LEA. Surveys will be mailed directly to the parents from Leader Services in the next few weeks.

The survey being used was developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring under a grant awarded to that center by OSEP. The survey can be viewed at [Leader Services-Parent Survey](#). Additional information about the survey can be found on the PaTTAN website at [PA Indicator 8 Information](#).

A letter that accompanies the survey assures parents that their responses will be confidential. Parents may direct questions about the survey to the Special Education Consult Line at 800-879-2301. Should parents contact LEA personnel about the survey, we ask that your staff encourage them to participate in the survey process.

At this point, LEAs do not need to take any specific action. However, if you wish to alert your families to watch out for the surveys, this may serve to facilitate and encourage participation. Please keep in mind that questions regarding this PENN*LINK may be addressed to Barbara Mozina, Special Education Adviser, at bmozina@pa.gov.

Intermediate Unit Local Educational Agency

- 1 Southeastern Greene SD
- 1 Canon-McMillan SD
- 1 Brownsville Area SD
- 1 Ringgold SD
- 2 Catalyst Academy CS
- 2 Propel CS - Northside
- 2 Urban Pathways K-5 College CS
- 3 Deer Lakes SD
- 3 Propel CS - McKeesport
- 3 Moon Area SD
- Young Scholars of Greater Allegheny
- 3 CS
- 3 Duquesne City SD
- 3 Keystone Oaks SD
- 3 Woodland Hills SD
- 3 Plum Borough SD
- 3 Riverview SD
- 3 Shaler Area SD
- 3 Carlynton SD
- 3 McKeesport Area SD
- 3 Allegheny Valley SD
- 3 South Allegheny SD
- 3 Life Male STEAM Academy CS
- 4 Butler Area SD
- 4 Laurel SD
- 4 Union Area SD
- 4 Hermitage SD
- 5 Erie City SD
- 5 General McLane SD
- 5 Girard SD
- 5 Millcreek Township SD

5 Northwestern SD
5 Montessori Regional CS
5 Crawford Central SD
6 Dubois Area SD
6 Forest Area SD
6 Brookville Area SD
6 Punxsutawney Area SD
6 Franklin Area SD
7 Franklin Regional SD
7 Greater Latrobe SD
7 Yough SD
8 Everett Area SD
8 Northern Bedford County SD
8 Bellwood-Antis SD
8 Spring Cove SD
8 Blacklick Valley SD
8 Berlin Brothersvalley SD
8 Conemaugh Township Area SD
Central PA Digital Learning
8 Foundation CS
9 Cameron County SD
9 Galeton Area SD
9 Northern Potter SD
10 Bellefonte Area SD
10 Nittany Valley CS
10 Sugar Valley Rural CS
11 Mount Union Area SD
11 Mifflin County SD
11 New Day CS
12 Gettysburg Area SD
12 West York Area SD
12 Gettysburg Montessori CS
13 Conestoga Valley SD
13 Donegal SD
13 Hempfield SD
13 Lancaster SD
13 Manheim Central SD
13 Northern Lebanon SD
14 Boyertown Area SD
14 Hamburg Area SD
14 Muhlenberg SD
14 Tulpehocken Area SD
14 Wyomissing Area SD
15 Shippensburg Area SD
15 South Middleton SD
15 West Shore SD

15 Harrisburg City SD
15 Lower Dauphin SD
15 Pennsylvania STEAM Academy CS
15 Infinity CS
15 Premier Arts and Science CS
16 Bloomsburg Area SD
16 Shamokin Area SD
16 Midd-West SD
16 Susq-Cyber CS
17 Northern Tioga SD
17 Southern Tioga SD
18 Greater Nanticoke Area SD
18 Hazleton Area SD
18 Northwest Area SD
18 Bear Creek Community CS
19 Mid Valley SD
19 North Pocono SD
19 Forest City Regional SD
19 Susquehanna Community SD
19 Wallenpaupack Area SD
20 Stroudsburg Area SD
20 Nazareth Area SD
20 Delaware Valley SD
20 Evergreen Community CS
21 Palmerton Area SD
21 Southern Lehigh SD
21 Arts Academy CS
21 Executive Education Academy CS
22 Morrisville Borough SD
22 School Lane CS
23 Bryn Athyn SD
23 Colonial SD
23 Methacton SD
23 Springfield Township SD
24 Avon Grove SD
24 Kennett Consolidated SD
24 Oxford Area SD
24 West Chester Area SD
24 Insight PA Cyber CS
25 Chester-Upland SD
25 Rose Tree Media SD
25 Upper Darby SD
25 Widener Partnership CS
26 MaST Community CS III
26 Philadelphia City SD
26 Imhotep Institute CHS

26 Philadelphia Performing Arts CS
26 Mastery CS - Thomas Campus
26 Pan American Academy CS
26 Universal Daroff CS
26 Frederick Douglass Mastery CS
26 Mastery CS John Wister Elementary
26 MaST Community CS II
26 Mastery Prep Elementary CS
27 Aliquippa SD
27 Midland Borough SD
27 South Side Area SD
27 Lincoln Park Performing Arts CS
28 Apollo-Ridge SD
28 Freeport Area SD
28 Blairsville-Saltsburg SD
28 Homer-Center SD
28 Marion Center Area SD
28 United SD
29 Tri-Valley SD
29 Saint Clair Area SD

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