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To: All school districts

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Subject: Fire Drill and Fire Protection

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During the week of July 11, 2011, Fire Drill and Fire Protection placards were sent to all school districts as part of the Annual Mandated Forms Requisition. The placards that were mailed to the school districts did not reflect the updated changes to the Fire Drill and Fire Protection statute (chapter 41 of the New Jersey Statutes 18A:41-1 to 5) governing this document.

All school districts are advised to discard the Fire Drill placards they may have received in the past few weeks in error. The placards contained with this message are the correct version.

The erroneous placards can be distinguished by the third line in the first paragraph which says the following: "SHALL HAVE AT LEAST **TWO** FIRE DRILLS EACH MONTH".

The corrected version should say: "SHALL HAVE AT LEAST **ONE** FIRE DRILL AND **ONE** SCHOOL SECURITY DRILL EACH MONTH".

Fire Drill placards should be placed in all public notice areas of the school facility as required by state law. Approximately 20 placards are included with this message. Should you require additional placards you may print as needed using the same format or contact the DOE Publication Office at 609.984.0905 for additional placards or information.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.