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RE: NJSMART High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile Report

The message below was sent directly to your NJSMART contact.

NJ SMART is excited to announce the upcoming release of a new district report – the High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile Report. Beginning in 2011, the NJ Department of Education will employ a new adjusted cohort graduation rate calculation in accordance with federal requirements and will utilize NJ SMART to calculate graduation rates for schools, districts, and the State. This graduation rate will be published in NJ School Report Cards and NCLB State Reports, and will eventually figure into high school AYP status.

In June 2011, NJ SMART will introduce the High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile Report on its District Reports tab in the portal. Benefits of this report include the ability for LEA's to track individual students' progress towards graduation in real-time, identify emerging trends across a district based on student-level data, and analyze graduation data by key subgroups.

**Training Schedule...** To ensure that all LEA's are well-prepared to utilize this report, NJ SMART will begin offering High School Graduation Rate Trainings on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This course will provide detailed information specific to the new District Report and will be **required for all LEAs and users**. Discussion topics include:

- How graduation rates are calculated by NJ SMART
- How to account for graduates, transfers, and dropouts in SID Management
- How to run, interpret, and utilize these district reports

The June and July schedules for the High School Graduation Rate Training includes:

- June 01: 1:00 PM
- June 13: 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM
- July 13: 9:00AM and 1:00 PM
- July 21: 10:00AM and 2:00 PM
- July 28: 10:00AM and 2:00 PM

For an up-to-date schedule of all training webinars, please refer to the Upcoming Events section on the Home tab of the NJ SMART portal.

**How to Participate in an NJ SMART Training...** Each training will be web-based and last approximately 60 minutes. You do not need to register for a session in advance. To participate in a training session:

1. Simply log on 5 minutes prior to the session start-time to <http://pcgus.webex.com>.
2. Click on Meeting Center at the top of the home page, and then click on the Meeting Topic link of the training session you are attending that corresponds to the time of your session.
3. Enter your first name, last name, and the name of your district, e.g. John Smith – Newark Public Schools.
4. Enter the password. The password for each session is: letmein
5. To listen to the audio portion of the webinar, please call: 1-888-742-8686; Conference ID: 4911745.

If you have any questions prior to the webinars, please contact the NJ SMART Helpdesk at 800-254-0295 or send an email to [njsmart@pcgus.com](mailto:njsmart@pcgus.com).

Thank you,

NJ SMART Team

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