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To: Chief School Administrators
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From: Bari Erlichson, Director
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Subject: Report Card Collection

The annual report card collection software will be opening in Mid-Late July via Web-enabled DOEnet. Most of the collection will be remaining the same, but some of the major data fields have been deleted from the collection as we are now able to gather the information from NJSMART. Below is a list of those fields that have been deleted:

- Dropout Full-Time and Shared-Time:
 - Students with No IEP's
 - Students with IEP's (40% or more in Gen Ed Classes)
 - Students with IEP's (39% or less in Gen Ed Classes)
 - Students with IEP's by Program Type (39% or less in Gen Ed Classes)
 - Dropouts by Category
- Graduates Full-time and Shared-Time
 - High School Graduation Requirements
 - Post-Graduation Plans
 - Post Graduation Plans by Category
 - Post Graduation/Completion Plans
- Student Language Diversity
- Technological Literacy

When your district completes the report card data collection and submits it to the NJDOE, there are transmittal forms that you must sign attesting to the correctness of the data being submitted. Your data are published in the state report cards and they are submitted to the federal government where they are available in several federal databases for public access. The data are used from the state and federal Web sites by consultants and researchers who also have Web sites where your data will appear. **It is very important to make sure your data are accurate.**

Please forward this memo immediately to the people who are responsible for gathering and reporting your district's data to the department. If you have any questions about the changes to the report card collection, you may call Shannon at 609-292-6037 or Barbara at 609-777-0653. You may also e-mail your questions to: reportcard@doe.state.nj.us.

Thank you for your cooperation.