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TO: District Superintendents

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FROM: Susan Martz, Director

Office of Student Support Services

SUBJECT: Revised Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse Reporting Form 2011-2012

Based on questions and comments from the field, we have revised the 2011-2012 Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse (VV-SA) Reporting Form as follows:

• <u>Page 4, Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (HIB) Information, 2011-2012</u> – The options under the *Status of Investigation* field have been changed to clarify the requested information. The revised options are: *10-day investigation complete* and *Board of Education decision rendered*.

Additionally, a new form has been created to facilitate the collection of other information required in the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights as follows:

• <u>HIB Trainings and Programs Data Collection Form</u> - A new form facilitates the collection of HIB trainings and programs offered by the district during the school year. This form collects information <u>by school</u>. The department will provide an electronic system to enter this information shortly after the opening of the EVVRS.

All forms are available at <a href="http://homeroom.state.nj.us/EVVRS.htm">http://homeroom.state.nj.us/EVVRS.htm</a>. The department is in the process of updating the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) to allow HIB data collection and anticipates it being available in mid- to late December. You will be notified once the EVVRS is available for data entry. An email has also been sent to all Web-User Administrators describing the changes.

If you have any questions, please call Greg Kocher, coordinator, Data Collection and Evaluation at 609-292-5935 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:evvrs@doe.state.nj.us">evvrs@doe.state.nj.us</a>. Thank you for your continued efforts to report accurate data that will aid in assessing the needs of our schools and students.

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