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October 13, 2011

TO:

Chief School Administrators (Operating and Non-Operating School Districts)

Special Education Directors Charter School Lead Person

FROM:

Peggy McDonald, Interim Director Gaggy Mc Donald Office of Special Education

Office of Special Education

SUBJECT:

Annual Data Report (ADR) - October 15, 2011

The purpose of this memo is to inform districts and charter schools that they must complete only Table 12 (Special Education Personnel) on the Annual Data Report (ADR). The ADR can be accessed via the department's web-based data collection system at the following web address: http://homeroom.state.nj.us. In addition, since October 15, 2011 falls on a Saturday, the online webbased collection system will open on Monday, October 17, 2011. The deadline for completing Table 12 will be November 11, 2011.

All other data on students with disabilities including nonpublic student counts will now be collected through NJSMART. Information and assistance on NJSMART is available through the NJSMART Help Desk by calling 1-800-254-0295 or emailing njsmart@pcgus.com.

In keeping with the federal requirements for timely and accurate data submissions, districts failing to report their data on time will receive written notice that the district/charter school has not complied with the ADR or NJSMART reporting requirements. Failure to report data in a timely manner will be considered as part of the state's determination of an LEA's compliance with the requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Your ongoing cooperation and efforts in making this data collection system successful are appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the <u>ADR web-based</u> data collection, please call Andrew Samson at 609-633-6972.

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