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TO: Chief School Administrators  
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SUBJECT: Availability of Embargoed PARCC Data

Today, the NJ Department of Education is sharing with district leadership their **embargoed student scores on PARCC**, the *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers*. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all of our educators, New Jersey has migrated to a new assessment that provides schools with actionable information far earlier than any year in the history of statewide assessments in New Jersey.

Access to data, guidance and support:

- On-Demand and Student List Reports are available through the online “PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>” (PAN) system at [www.pearsonaccessnext.com](http://www.pearsonaccessnext.com)
- Pearson guide for how to access local district information is [here](#)
- For additional assistance, contact Pearson support at (888) 493-9888

Please note that you will only have available a preliminary view of individual student performance in subjects, by grade level. **These early results are not final** and do not yet provide comparisons to performance of other student groups. However, the preliminary results may be helpful as one factor used in shaping curriculum development or deciding professional training programs.

**Any attempt to aggregate the early results should be done with caution, as it should not be considered as final.** The data may be incomplete for various reasons, such as some student tests are still being scored (Pearson will update the database with student scores frequently until July 8) or some sending-receiving students may be not be reflected accurately in some districts’ reports because the demographic variable associated with the “responsible” field is still in the process of being verified by the state. Also, there is a 500-student limit when downloading or printing results. **Instructions for how to filter the data for larger schools that exceed the 500-student limit can be found in the link to the Pearson guide above.**

As this is embargoed data being provided, **districts are prohibited from distributing the information** publicly until the final reports are released later this summer. However, today's release of preliminary information **does not start the 60-day clock pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3**. The final reports that will be released later this summer will have aggregated results and they will provide a more complete picture of the way various student groups performed.

We at the Department of Education appreciate your efforts to transition to this new assessment. We recognize that such an undertaking could not have been accomplished without the dedication of educators, students and families in every school community and we remain committed to continually improving our support to your efforts to helping students succeed.