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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
Route To: CDS System Administrator
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Deadline: January 15, 2021

Contact Updates Needed for CDS System

Throughout the school year, contact information in the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) County/District/School System (CDS System) needs to be reviewed and updated by public schools and Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities. The NJDOE uses contact information in the CDS database to communicate with districts and schools. Contact information from the CDS System is also used to populate the [NJDOE School Directory](#). It is important that this information is kept up to date.

New contact added

For the 2020-2021 school year, school districts participating in the State Seal of Biliteracy program should denote participation in the program by indicating the district biliteracy seal coordinator in the CDS System, located on the NJDOE) Homeroom webpage. District participation will only be collected via the CDS System and no longer via an NJDOE survey. This is the fifth year that the NJDOE will offer the option for graduating high school students to attain the State Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating proficiency in English and one or more world languages. This contact can be found in the "Add New Contact" Section. Use the drop-down menu and select Bilingual Coordinator and fill in name, email, and phone number. Then click "Submit this new contact" at the bottom.

Key steps/actions

The CDS System is located on [NJDOE Homeroom](#). The person(s) responsible for updating the CDS System should log in and update both district and school level contacts. Once complete, save the information by clicking "Submit and Save" at the bottom of the page. It is not necessary to resubmit or certify anything in the system once done updating contacts.

Background

Please check the following contacts, which are mandatory and should reflect any changes that have occurred since the system was completed in the spring.

Public school and charter district-level contacts include:

1. Superintendent
2. Business Administrator
3. Special Education Coordinator
4. District Anti-Bullying Coordinator
5. Technology Director
6. State Testing Coordinator - District
7. Homeless Education Liaison
8. ESEA Coordinator
9. District School Health

10. Bilingual/ESL/ELS
11. District Educational Stability Liaison
12. School Safety Specialist
13. Data Coordinator
14. Early Childhood Coordinator

Public school and charter school-level contacts include:

1. Principal
2. School Anti-Bullying Supervisor
3. State Testing Coordinator - School
4. School Health

Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities district-level contacts include:

1. School Director or Lead Person listed as the Primary Contact
2. Business Administrator
3. District Anti Bullying Coordinator
4. Technology Director
5. State Testing Coordinator - District
6. District Educational Stability Liaison

Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities school-level contacts include:

1. Principal or School Lead Person
2. State or School Testing Coordinator
3. Anti-Bullying Specialist

Any questions about logging in to the CDS System can be directed to doeit@doe.nj.gov. Any questions about the contacts in the CDS System can be directed to CDShelp@doe.nj.gov.

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