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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Data Coordinators, Directors of Technology, NJ SMART Points of Contact, NJSLEDS Points of Contact

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Announcing the Launch of NJSLEDS Statewide Beginning September 2, 2025

As part of New Jersey's transition from the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) NJ Standards Measurement and Resource for Teaching (NJ SMART) data system to the New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (NJSLEDS), the NJDOE is pleased to announce that full statewide implementation of NJSLEDS will begin Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

This milestone follows the successful completion of multiple pilot cohorts and a statewide soft launch period, which provided every district with the opportunity to explore system workflows, upload practice files, and prepare for the official transition.

What to Expect

- **All Districts Go Live:** Beginning September 2, all NJSLEDS submissions will be available for official use. Districts should refer to the [2025-2026 collection schedule](#) for open windows and applicable timelines.
- **Support and Resources:** The NJSLEDS Help Desk is fully staffed to support users during the launch period. Live office hours, updated handbooks, submission templates, and webinar decks are available on the [NJSLEDS User Resources website](#).
- **Continuity and Confidence:** While NJSLEDS introduces a modernized infrastructure, file layouts and reporting expectations remain consistent to ensure continuity for users. The system is designed to reduce administrative burden and support long-term sustainability, enhanced data integrity, and compliance with state and federal reporting requirements.

Looking Ahead

- **August 26:** A final reminder and launch week checklist will be shared.
- **September 2:** NJSLEDS will open for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Throughout September:** Weekly office hours and on-demand assistance will continue.

The NJDOE expresses its sincere appreciation to all districts, vendors, and partners for their valuable contributions to the successful completion of this transition. Your participation has helped shape a stronger, more adaptable statewide data system.

Contact Information

For any additional questions or inquiries, please contact the NJSLEDS team at NJSLEDS@doe.nj.gov.

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