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### **DOE Releases the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act* Report Card; *Release complies with Federal Mandate to Disaggregate Data Into Six New Categories***

The Department of Education today released the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act* School Report Card. As required by law, the NCLB Report Card has imposed new accountability and reporting requirements for all states, including addressing and identifying schools in need of improvement, high school dropout rates and other information.

This year's NCLB Report Card, the first of its kind, contains data from the 2001-02 school year. It will be updated in the fall once all current test results, including the NJASK4 test given this past May, are finalized and ready to be inserted into the Report Card. Under NCLB, the state's federal accountability report must be issued annually, before the start of school.

In the Report Card, available online at (<http://education.state.nj.us/rc/>), the Department breaks down the information contained in the 2001-02 School Report Card into six subgroups: students with disabilities, limited English proficient (LEP), race/ethnicity (six subgroups), gender, economically disadvantaged and migrant populations.

In addition, the new report includes information on current adequate yearly progress status, attendance, dropout rates, and Highly Qualified Teachers. Regarding adequate yearly progress status, the Department of Education (DOE) anticipates updated information this fall. The status reflected in the NCLB Report Card is based on data collected last year.

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