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Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the School Community,

New Jersey's School Performance Reports provide families, educators and the public a picture of overall school performance. The performance reports offer valuable information across many elements, including academic achievement and progress, demographics, school climate, chronic absenteeism, and college and career readiness.

The School Performance Reports were developed with, and are continually enhanced by, input from stakeholders like you. Below are some of the enhancements to the reports.

### **New Jersey School Performance One-Page Summary Reports**

For the first time, the NJDOE is publishing one-page, parent-friendly Summary Reports providing easy-to-read highlights of each school. The Summary Reports are a dashboard of key indicators such as student progress, graduation rates and 2-year and 4-year college attendance. The NJDOE has also made available a guide ([rc.doe.state.nj.us/Documents/SummaryReportGuide.html](http://rc.doe.state.nj.us/Documents/SummaryReportGuide.html)) to explain the different data points on the Summary Reports.

### **Over Two Dozen New Data Elements**

The 2016-17 New Jersey School Performance Reports ([rc.doe.state.nj.us/SearchForSchool.aspx](http://rc.doe.state.nj.us/SearchForSchool.aspx)) contain new data elements, including:

- Updated school narratives with information across a variety of categories
- Full and/or half day Pre-K and K reporting
- Chronic Absenteeism by grade, subgroup, and progress toward statewide goals
- In-school and out-of-school suspensions
- School start and end times

### **Summative Rating**

Federal law requires New Jersey to include a summative rating based on a formula that combines a few key measures (i.e., proficiency, student growth, graduation and chronic absenteeism). This summative rating is just *one part* of the overall performance of a school and it is used to determine which schools need the most intense support. Visit [www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA/](http://www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA/) for more information.

The NJDOE continues to seek your input on how to further improve the usability of these reports. Please fill out the feedback survey ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5WKDYD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5WKDYD)) or email the [reportcard@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:reportcard@doe.state.nj.us).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary Marks".

Rosemary Marks  
Acting Superintendent