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Dear Families, Students, and Members of the School Community,

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) recently released their 2021-2022 School Performance Reports. These reports convey information about our schools and district in areas such as demographics, academic achievement, college and career readiness, graduation/postsecondary, climate/environment, staffing, per-pupil expenditures, and accountability. Additionally, a narrative is included for each school and the district that highlights key information about academic programming, athletic/co-curricular opportunities, successes, and more.

The 2021-2022 School Performance Reports include nearly all data that was previously reported prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as assessment results and accountability data. However, the 2021-2022 reports will not include student growth data as measured by median student growth percentiles (mSGPs). This is because individual student growth percentiles (SGPs) were not calculated for the 2021-2022 school year due to lack of prior year test results for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. The student growth section of the reports will include a link to an alternate measure of academic progress that was used for accountability determinations for the 2021-2022 school year. The NJDOE plans to resume reporting mSGPs for the 2022-2023 school year.

The NJDOE believes that it is critical to use the data in the reports, along with other information collected directly within districts and communities, to start conversations, identify gaps in information, and continue to find ways to address the impacts of COVID-19 and ensure all students receive the support and resources that they need. The School Performance Reports can and should be used in conjunction with available school and district data to identify priorities for upcoming year planning and the use of state and federal dollars. As data over the last three years was impacted by the pandemic in various ways, the NJDOE does recommend caution in comparing data from year to year.

The NJDOE continues to seek public input on ways to improve future reports. Please complete the <u>School Performance Report feedback survey</u> or email <u>reportcard@doe.nj.gov</u> with feedback and suggestions.

Thank you,

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