October 28, 2014

TO: Chief School Administrators
    Charter School Lead Persons

FROM: Susan Martz, Assistant Commissioner
      Division of Student Services and Career Readiness

SUBJECT: Anti-Bullying Task Force On-Line Survey

This is to notify you that the Anti-Bullying Task Force is conducting a survey of school staff to examine the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR). The survey is designed to provide information to assist the Task Force in determining trends, assessing the impact of implementation and presenting recommendations concerning the ABR. The 2013 survey, which received a 20.8% response rate, provided the Task Force with invaluable information during the development of the annual report.

The Task Force is seeking input from chief school administrators/charter school lead persons, anti-bullying coordinators, anti-bullying specialists, principals and members of the school safety team. Participation in the survey is voluntary and responses will be kept confidential. School staff should expect to receive an email inviting them to participate in the on-line survey this week. Survey responses must be received by Friday, November 7, 2014.

I encourage you and your staff to complete the survey in order to provide information to the Task Force on how the ABR has been executed in your school and its impact. Your response will further enhance the Task Force’s mission to provide guidance and recommendations to support schools in creating positive climates that foster student achievement.

Should you have any questions about this survey, please contact Bradford Lerman (blerman@rci.rutgers.edu) or Jessica de Koninck (jessica.dekoninck@verizon.net). Information regarding the establishment of the Anti-Bullying Task Force and copies of the annual reports may be found at http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/behavior/hib/task/.