



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: June 12, 2018  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
Route To: Principals, Anti-Bullying Specialists and Anti-Bullying Coordinators  
From: Nancy Curry, Director  
Office of Student Support Services  
Deadline: October 31, 2018

### **2017-2018 Program for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is announcing the opening of the 2017-2018 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act* (ABR). Schools submit local information into the NJDOE's online self-assessment program, and the data is used to grade each public school and district's efforts to implement the ABR pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46*. The deadline to submit School Self Assessments is **October 31, 2018**.

The school safety/school climate team in each school is required to complete the School Self-Assessment and have a school-level user enter the school's ratings into the online system that is accessed by selecting the "HIB-Grades" link on the [NJDOE Homeroom](#) webpage. The district-level user must review the Self-Assessment for accuracy and request each school make any changes as necessary.

*The chief school administrator, charter school or renaissance school project lead person is responsible for presenting each completed School Self-Assessment at a public board of education meeting in order to obtain public comment and board of education approval. Once the board of education's approval is granted, the chief school administrator, charter school or renaissance school project lead person will formally submit the ratings by certifying the Statement of Assurances in the School Self-Assessment system.*

To help schools meet the requirements of this program, the NJDOE has posted online [guidance documents and resources](#) that include a School Self-Assessment summary report and a checklist titled "Overview of Activities."

If a completed, certified School Self-Assessment is not submitted by the October 31, 2018 deadline, the NJDOE may issue a zero (0) for that school's grade, which will also have a negative effect on the district's grade.

If you have any questions, please email [hib@doe.nj.gov](mailto:hib@doe.nj.gov). Thank you for your ongoing efforts to provide safe and positive learning conditions for our students.

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