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Route To: Principals, Teachers  
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### **Release of the 2017-18 School Performance Reports**

Today, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is making publicly available the state's School Performance Reports for the 2017-18 school year, which include over a dozen new data elements and parent-friendly Summary Reports.

Access the reports on the NJDOE's School Performance Report [website](#), or [www.njschooldata.org](http://www.njschooldata.org).

#### **Enhancements to the 2017-18 School Performance Reports**

The 2017-18 reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback collected through a feedback survey, at parent roundtables and workshops, and from stakeholder engagement throughout the year. These changes include:

- *More informative, easier to understand* one-page Summary Reports
- *Additional navigation tools and an improved search page* within the reports
- *Emphasis on student growth* with the growth section newly featured before the academic achievement section in the Detailed Reports
- *More information* about staff demographics, discipline, progress toward English Language Proficiency, and college and career readiness such as graduation pathways, participation in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and dual enrollment coursework.

#### **One-Page Summary Reports**

Along with the Detailed Reports, one-page Summary Reports for each school and district are available. The Summary Reports provide a high-level summary of how well a school or district is performing with data that address questions such as:

- How do our students' growth compare to students' growth in other districts?
- Are students at risk?
- Are students graduating?
- How did students perform on assessments?
- Are students college and career ready?
- Do students have access to high-level coursework and classes in the arts?

#### **Use, Share and Improve the New Jersey School Performance Summary Reports**

The School Performance Reports reflect the NJDOE's extensive efforts to engage with parents, students and school communities, and share the information that is most valuable in providing a picture of overall school performance. These reports can be used to:

- *Learn more* about your school and district
- *Start conversations* with school community members and ask questions
- *Engage* with school communities to identify what schools are doing well and where they can improve

To help districts share the information in the School Performance Reports and support conversations with their school communities, the NJDOE has developed optional tools that districts can use to help communicate about the reports. The School Performance Reports Toolkit includes:

- A [sample letter](#) superintendents can send to their communities announcing the release of the reports
- A [PowerPoint template](#) for presenting school- and district-level data
- One-page guides on the reports for [administrators](#), [educators](#), and [elementary](#) and [middle and high school families](#)

The NJDOE [Guide for Local Stakeholder Engagement](#) also provides information about how school and district leaders can engage parents, students, staff and community members.

Please email [reportcard@doe.nj.gov](mailto:reportcard@doe.nj.gov) or call (609) 376-3961 for questions or feedback regarding the new resources or the School Performance Reports. The NJDOE also continues to seek public input on how to improve future reports and encourages stakeholders to complete the [feedback survey](#).

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