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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Susan Martz, Acting Assistant Commissioner
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SUBJECT: Reporting Changes for SY 2013-14 on the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) and Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Programs (HIB-ITP) Data Collection System¹

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is currently updating the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) and the Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Programs (HIB-ITP) data collection system for the 2013-14 school year. When these systems open, they will be enhanced with additional features that have been designed in response to districts' requests, based on recommendations from an advisory group formed to address concerns with the data collection, to further enhance accuracy in reporting and to facilitate state and federal reporting requirements. To help school districts collect data prior to the opening of the EVVRS and HIB-ITP systems, the updated forms for 2013-14 and a list of specific changes and additions can be found in the attachment. All forms are also available electronically on the EVVRS Welcome Page under the Reporting Forms heading at <http://homeroom.state.nj.us/EVVRS.htm>.

As a reminder, the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 2012, c.122)* requires chief school administrators and charter school lead persons to report incidents of violence, vandalism, substance and weapons offenses and HIB which occurred during the previous reporting period to their governing authorities at public hearings two times per year between September 1 and December 31 (to report on Report Period 2) and between January 1 and June 30 (to report on Report Period 1). The trainings and programs to reduce incidents of HIB and address HIB-related issues that schools enter into HIB-ITP must also be publically reported two times per year; however, Report Period 1 for this data also includes July and August. The HIB-ITP reporting requirement does not apply to approved private schools for students with disabilities.

The NJDOE will notify you when both systems are open for data entry. If you have any questions, please send an email to evvrs@doe.state.nj.us. Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to the submission and use of accurate data.

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Attachment

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¹ HIB-ITP applies to districts and charter schools only