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Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the School Community,

This letter provides you with information about the 2022-2023 New Jersey School Performance Reports, which were recently released and are available on the NJ School Performance Reports webpage at [www.njschooldata.org](http://www.njschooldata.org). The School Performance Reports reflect the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) commitment to providing parents, students and school communities with a large variety of information about each school and district. These reports can be used as a tool to help evaluate whether all students have equitable access to high quality education.

We encourage you to use these reports 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

The NJDOE recognizes that our existing data can't begin to measure the hard work and perseverance of the students, families, educators, and community members and that test scores alone do not tell a complete story or give a full picture of the good work a district does. The NJDOE believes that it is critical to use the available 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 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.

The reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback, updated federal and state requirements, and the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes include:

- New career and college readiness data including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and dual enrollment participation by student group and work-based learning participation;
- Expanded staff data including staff counts and information about teachers by subject area, as requested by stakeholders;
- New apprenticeship data that shows how many students register in apprenticeship programs after high school graduation; and
- Links to additional data such as Start Strong assessment results and opportunity to learn data, which includes information about learning environments and device data during the prior school year. The NJDOE continues to seek public input on ways to improve future reports. Please complete the School Performance Report feedback survey or email [reportcard@doe.nj.gov](mailto:reportcard@doe.nj.gov) with feedback and suggestions.

Thank you,  
Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent