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**TO:** Chief School Administrators  
Principals  
Charter School Lead Persons

**FROM:** Lucille E. Davy  
Commissioner

**SUBJECT: 2008 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Survey**

I am pleased to announce the release of the *2008 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Survey*. This survey was developed in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the New Jersey Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The purpose of the survey is to gain insight into school policies and programs that impact the achievement of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education and that support activities required under N.J.S.A. 18A:35. The New Jersey Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Survey is the third survey to be conducted as part of the New Jersey Department of Education's plan to survey all core curriculum content areas not included in the statewide assessment program. We have previously conducted surveys in world languages and the visual and performing arts.

**Every K-12 public school in New Jersey must complete this survey.** The online survey will become active on April 15, 2008 and can be accessed at <http://www.nj.gov/education/aps/survey/>. The survey must be completed online by each public school no later than **May 30, 2008**. The department recommends that each building principal form a committee of supervisors and teachers to assist in completion of the survey. Once all survey information has been entered online, each building principal is required to submit a signed Survey Completion Certification Form. Please fax the signed form to the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Academic Standards, at (609) 292-7276. Do not fax a copy of the written survey—all surveys must be submitted online.

General information from this survey will be reported to the State Board of Education in February 2009 and the full findings will be released in the fall of 2009. This information will be used to inform schools, legislators and other state agencies about the status of health and physical education in New Jersey's schools. I hope you will use this data collection

as a way to engage school staff in a discussion of current policies and practices that support health and wellness.

Should you have questions about the survey, please send them to [hpesurvey@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:hpesurvey@doe.state.nj.us).

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