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TO: Chief School Administrators
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Educational Stability Liaisons

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SUBJECT: Child Welfare Educational Points of Contact

Please find the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Education Stability Liaison directory at: <http://nj.gov/dcf/families/educational/stability/Directory.pdf>. Attached to this memo is an accompanying listing of municipalities and the corresponding Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) Local Offices serving your school community. This list also includes the CP&P Education Stability Liaison serving as your Point of Contact in the CP&P Local Office where your schools are located. This directory serves as written notice of the points of contact at our child welfare offices and now requires you to designate a corresponding Point of Contact to ensure the effective implementation of the education stability provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. Once you enter (or update) the Point of Contact information in the CDS, our CP&P offices will be provided with their name(s) and contact information.

Many of you have well established relationships with our Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) staff and already have a POC/Educational Stability Liaison assigned in your districts or schools. If you do not have someone assigned, some examples of roles and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Gathering school related information in order to assist with the best interest determination;
- Facilitating the transfer of records and ensuring that children in foster care are enrolled in and regularly attending school;
- Facilitating data sharing with CP&P, consistent with FERPA and other privacy protocols;
- Assisting with referrals for child study team services;

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- Assisting with school transportation; and
- Providing professional development and training to school staff on the Title I provisions and educational needs of children in foster care, as needed.

Thank you for your collaboration in ensuring that students experiencing foster care will have continuity in their education that will promote education success.

Any questions concerning the collaboration should be directed to Barbara Pugh via email at: Barbara.pugh@doe.state.nj.us or by telephone at (609) 984-2879. You may also contact Charles Crudup, DCF's Statewide Coordinator for Educational Stability at Charles.crudup@dcf.state.nj.us or by telephone at (609) 888-7757.

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