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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: October 4, 2019
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* Title I Coordinators
From: Peggy McDonald, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services
Deadline: December 6, 2019

Title I Comparability of Services Report for 2019-20 Available in EWEG

As a requirement of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) must ensure that districts receiving Title I funds provide services in their Title I schools that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services in schools that are not receiving Title I funds. In order to fulfill this requirement, the NJDOE annually collects a Comparability of Services Report from each Title I district.

To give districts ample time to complete the 2019-20 Comparability of Services Report, the application is now available in the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system through the NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) portal. (Directions for entering the data are available within the Comparability Report through the Instructions link on the Overview tab.) Districts will be able to submit the 2019-20 Comparability Report starting October 15, 2019, with a **due date of Friday, December 6, 2019**.

Annually, Title I districts must calculate comparability of services using current data. For 2019-20, districts must use the student enrollment and staffing information submitted in the October 15, 2019 counts. Please note that all student and staffing information must be updated in the EWEG system before the December 6, 2019 deadline for the final submission of the 2019-20 Comparability Report. The NJDOE will randomly sample districts for monitoring and data verification in the spring of 2020.

If a district does not meet the Comparability of Services requirement in the EWEG system, NJDOE staff will work with the district to conduct further calculations. If the district still does not meet the Comparability of Services requirement, NJDOE staff will assist the district in the development and implementation of a corrective action plan to bring the district into compliance with this requirement no later than February 2020.

General questions concerning the Comparability of Services requirement should be directed to Anthony Hearn at anthony.hearn@doe.nj.gov. Questions specific to grade span grouping should be directed to the EWEG Help Desk at eweghelp@doe.nj.gov.

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