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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Anti-Bullying Specialists, and Anti-Bullying Coordinators
From: Daryl Minus-Vincent, Deputy Assistant Commissioner
Division of Field Services
Deadline: December 1, 2020

2019-20 Program for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is announcing the opening of the 2019-20 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act* (ABR). Schools submit local information into the online Self-Assessment program, and the data is used to grade each public school and district's efforts to implement the ABR pursuant to *N.J.S.A.18A:17-46*. The deadline to submit Self-Assessments is **December 1, 2020**.

The school safety/school climate team in each school is required to complete the Self-Assessment and have a school-level user enter the school's ratings into the online system that is accessed by selecting the "HIB-Grades" link on the [NJDOE Homeroom](#) webpage. The district-level user must review the Self-Assessment for accuracy and request each school make any changes as necessary.

The chief school administrator, charter school and renaissance school project lead person is responsible for presenting each completed Self-Assessment at a public Board of Education (BOE) meeting in order to obtain public comment and BOE approval. Once BOE approval is granted, the chief school administrator, charter school and renaissance school project lead person will formally submit the ratings by certifying the Statement of Assurances in the Self-Assessment system.

To help schools meet the requirements of this program, the NJDOE has posted online [guidance documents and resources](#) that include a school Self-Assessment summary report and a checklist titled "Overview of Activities."

If a completed, certified Self-Assessment is not submitted by the December 1, 2020 deadline, the NJDOE may issue a zero (0) for that school's grade, which will also have a negative effect on the district's grade.

If you have any questions, please email hib@doe.nj.gov. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to provide safe and positive learning conditions for our students.

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