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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, Nonpublic School Administrators
Route To: Public and Nonpublic High School Principals
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Call for Schools to Take Part in Social Studies Survey

In preparation for the observance of the 250th anniversary of United States Independence and the first Constitution of New Jersey, the New Jersey Historical Commission, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and Quadrant Research, is conducting a survey of the teaching and learning of social studies in New Jersey. The results from the survey will be used to provide schools, districts and communities with tools and resources to strengthen student learning in social studies regarding the founding of the United States and New Jersey's role in the American Revolution.

The 2020 [Social Studies Survey](#) is now available online. The Social Studies Survey measures social studies course offerings, student participation, dedicated social studies resources, district policy, instructional support, and the extent to which community assets are utilized in New Jersey's schools. Because the survey asks for information on programs in each school in the district, school administrators may want to involve their district social studies supervisor in gathering the data needed for the survey.

The Historical Commission is hoping that all school districts in the state will be able to participate in the online survey. The reporting deadline is February 28, 2020.

Results of the survey are slated to be previewed in the fall of 2020 with a final report expected in the fall of 2021.

For questions about the survey, please contact Joan Ruddiman, survey project coordinator, at (609) 529-6701 or via email at Joan.Ruddiman@sos.nj.gov.

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