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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
Route To: School Principals and School Staff
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Release of End-of-Year Activities Guidance

Today, April 26, 2021, Governor Murphy announced an increase in gathering limits for outdoor and indoor end-of-year events, effective May 10, 2021. The outdoor gathering limit will increase to 500 persons and the capacity limit for large venues with fixed seating for 1,000 or more people is increased to 50%. Additionally, Governor Murphy announced increased limits for indoor catered events, such as proms, to 50% of room capacity and with a maximum of 250 people, and the ability of outdoor and indoor venues to open dance floors at these private catered events. An Executive Order effectuating these changes is forthcoming.

In anticipation of these changes, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is releasing [guidance](#) to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in the planning of end-of-year activities that meet applicable New Jersey health and safety standards. This guidance addresses various types of activities, including but not limited to graduation and promotional ceremonies, student recognition ceremonies, and proms.

Contact Information

Please contact your NJDOE [County Office of Education](#) with any questions.

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