



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: June 9, 2021  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
Route To: Principals, District Homeroom Administrators, Data Coordinators, Anti-Bullying Coordinators, and Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities  
From: Kathy Ehling, Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services  
Deadline: August 10, 2021

## Student Safety Data System Closing

The final date for certifying your local education agency's Student Safety Data System (SSDS) data for the 2020-2021 school year is August 10, 2021. The SSDS collects incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substances, harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) and other incidents leading to removal, as well as HIB trainings and programs conducted to support anti-bullying efforts.

### COVID-19 Update

Incidents and HIB trainings and programs that occurred while schools were operating virtually should be included in the 2020-2021 submission.

Access to the SSDS is available on the [Student Safety Data System webpage](#) along with online resources to support data submission.

Questions concerning the SSDS may be directed to [ssds@doe.nj.gov](mailto:ssds@doe.nj.gov).

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