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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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: *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* Title I Coordinators
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
Deadline: December 3, 2021

Title I Comparability of Services Report for 2021-2022 Available in EWEG

As a requirement of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) must ensure that school districts receiving Title I, Part A funds (Title I districts) provide services in their Title I schools that, when taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services provided 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.

The 2021-2022 Comparability of Services Report is now available in the NJDOE's [Electronic Web-Enabled Grant \(EWEG\) system](#). Directions for completing the report are available through the Instructions link on the Overview tab. Title I districts will be able to submit the 2021-2022 Comparability Report starting October 15, 2021; reports are **due Friday, December 3, 2021**.

Annually, Title I districts must calculate comparability of services using current data. For 2021-2022, Title I districts must use the student enrollment and staffing information submitted in the October 15, 2021 counts. Please note that all student and staffing information must be updated in the EWEG system before the December 3, 2021 deadline for the final submission of the 2021-2022 Comparability Report. The NJDOE will randomly sample districts for monitoring and data verification in the spring of 2022.

NJDOE staff will work with Title I districts that do not meet the Comparability of Services requirement to conduct further calculations and assist with the development and implementation of a corrective action plan if necessary.

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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