



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
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Local Educational Agency Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2022-2023 School Year

In April 2020, Governor Murphy signed A-3904 into law ([P.L.2020, c.27](#), or “Chapter 27”), which, in part, requires each school district, charter school, renaissance school project, and Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities (APSSD), hereinafter referred to as Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), to annually submit a proposed program for emergency virtual or remote instruction (Plan) to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). In July 2022, the NJDOE readopted N.J.A.C. 6A:32, School District Operations, with amendments and new rules which includes updates to the components of the LEA’s Plan. This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public health-related district closure, by permitting LEAs to utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 & 13.2. To assist LEAs in the submission of Plans, the NJDOE is issuing “[Local Educational Agency Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2022-2023 School Year \(SY\)](#),” which includes a checklist to identify components that must be included in the Plan.

By September 30, 2022, each Chief School Administrator must submit the LEA’s Plan for the 2022-2023 school year, approved by the district board of education or charter or renaissance school project board of trustees, and the completed checklist to the respective County Office of Education. As a reminder, an LEA must also post the Plan prominently on the LEA’s website. If you have any questions, please contact your [County Office of Education](#).

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