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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Principals, Directors of Student Services, Anti-Bullying Coordinators, Anti-Bullying Specialists, School Counselors  
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## New Jersey Department of Education Releases New School Climate Improvement Survey Platform

Research consistently shows a strong positive relationship between school climate and student academic achievement, as well as physical, psychological, and social and emotional well-being of students and staff. It is important for schools to collect school climate data from all community members in order to identify needs, inform strategic planning to address needs through research-based strategies, and monitor progress over time.

In Fall 2022, the New Jersey Department of Education, in collaboration with the School Climate Transformation Project, will provide access to a free online school climate survey called the [New Jersey School Climate Improvement \(NJ SCI\) Survey](#) for students, staff, and families. Topics covered on the survey include relationships, safety, sense of connectedness, teaching and learning, and features of an equitable and supportive institutional environment, including conditions for social and emotional learning. The survey platform collects and reports school data using responsive technology to support data analysis and school climate improvement planning. This information may be helpful to school districts as they plan for the effective use of American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds.

### Key steps/actions

Visit the New Jersey School Climate Improvement (NJ SCI) Survey [website](#) and submit an interest form for additional information.

### Contact information

Should you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Student Support Services via [SchoolClimate@doe.nj.gov](mailto:SchoolClimate@doe.nj.gov).

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