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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

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Office of Special Education's Quarterly Updates: New Releases and Opportunities

The Office of Special Education (OSE) values its mission to provide educators, families, and other stakeholders with the technical assistance, professional learning in evidence-based practices, and access to instructional materials and resources necessary for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to achieve academic success.

This quarterly broadcast, along with the OSE's Newsletter, highlights various tools and resources recently made available to the public through the OSE website.

Website Updates

- [Alternate Assessment](#)
 - Including the release of the [Alternate Assessment Eligibility Determination Roadmap](#) and the [New Jersey DLM Participation Criteria for the 2025-2026 School Year](#)
- Revised: [Parent and Family Rights and Engagement](#)

Policies and Procedures

- [Transportation Considerations for Students with Disabilities \(2025\)](#)

Resources and Guidance

- The [Educational Environment Data Dashboard](#) was released to increase state, county, and local awareness of data on placement in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) performance, including a breakdown of various demographics.
- [Quality Indicators for Programs Serving Students with Disabilities 18-21 Years Old](#)
- [Emotional and Behavioral Program Quality Indicators \(EBPQIs\)](#) If you were unable to attend one of the information sessions, asynchronous webinars are available on the [e-learning](#) website for further exploration.
- NEW! [e-learning](#) topics to promote universal access and support include:
 - [DLM Participation Criteria Updates \(Information Session\)](#)
 - [NJ Deaf Student's Bill of Rights and the Least Restrictive Environment](#)
 - Dispute Resolution: [About Mediation](#), [About the State Complaint Process](#), and [About Resolution Meetings](#)
 - [Quality Indicators for Programs Serving Students with Disabilities 18-21 Years Old](#)

In addition to these resources, we continuously highlight ongoing opportunities for action, learning, and collaboration on the [Special Education Engagement Website](#). For more information or questions, please contact the Office of Special Education at OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov.

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