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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** October 28, 2026

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

**Route To:** Principals, Parent Liaisons, Community Partners

**From:** Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Education

## Share the New Jersey School Funding Survey with Your School Community

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) encourages school districts to share the New Jersey School Funding Survey with families, students, educators and community members.

The survey is part of NJDOE's statewide School Funding Outreach effort to gather perspectives on how New Jersey's school funding system can best support students and schools. Feedback gathered through the outreach will help inform future discussions and recommendations.

**District leaders are encouraged to:**

- Share the New Jersey School Funding Survey with families, students, educators and community members; and
- Use NJDOE's sample message (copied below) and outreach materials to encourage participation.

The survey takes about five minutes to complete.

Please help us hear from communities across New Jersey by sharing the survey through district communications, websites and other appropriate channels.

To stay connected to this work, learn more about school funding and find additional opportunities to share feedback, visit the NJDOE School Funding Outreach website and sign up for the School Funding Outreach Newsletter. NJDOE's existing project materials specifically direct stakeholders to the website and newsletter for learning resources, surveys, project updates and continued engagement opportunities.

## Optional Template

Dear Families and Caregivers,

**Share Your Voice: Take five minutes to complete the New Jersey School Funding Survey.**

Our school community is strongest when families have a voice in decisions that affect students. The New Jersey Department of Education is seeking input from families, students, educators, and community members as part of a statewide effort to gather feedback on school funding. Your input will help inform discussions and recommendations about how school funding can best support student success across New Jersey.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your perspective. Your feedback is valuable and is the strongest way to ensure that the experiences and priorities of our community are represented.

**Take the Survey**
Or scan the QR code

The survey takes approximately **five minutes** to complete.

Thank you for taking the time to participate and for your continued support of our students and schools.

Sincerely,
[Superintendent Name]
[District Name]