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ADVISORY: DOE to Host District Factor Group Meeting on Monday, June 7, at 10 a.m. at the Department of Education Headquarters, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton.

On April 30, Commissioner of Education William L. Librera released the preliminary draft of the New Jersey Department of Education's revised District Factor Group (DFG) classification report, which provides a composite statistical index of the socioeconomic status of New Jersey school districts.

At that time, Commissioner Librera made the draft report public in order to solicit comments and suggestions from school district officials and other interested parties prior to the finalization of the document by July 1.

Monday's meeting provides such an opportunity for public comment on the draft. The draft report is available on the New Jersey DOE web site at the following link:

<http://www.state.nj.us/njded/finance/sf/dfgreport4-29.doc>

DFG classifications are based on US Census data and are revised every 10 years. The DOE uses DFG data to analyze the relationship between student achievement and the socioeconomic status of the communities in which they reside.

The six census data indices used in the DFG statistical model include the percentage of each district's population with no high school diploma, the percentage with some college education and the poverty level and unemployment rate of the district, as well as the residents' occupations and income.

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