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New Jersey Department of Education Releases 2020-2021 School Performance Reports

Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) today has made available online the state’s School Performance Reports for the 2020-2021 school year.

COVID-19 had a significant impact on the way the NJDOE was able to measure school performance and student achievement for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Performance Reports. Some data published in previous years is not available in the 2020-2021 School Performance Reports, such as student growth. However, the reports still contain a wide variety of information such as on student demographics; participation and performance in the SAT/PSAT/ACT assessments; course participation, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and dual enrollment courses; chronic absenteeism; discipline data; staff information; graduation and postsecondary rates; and district narratives.

While even comprehensive data dashboards like these do not fully capture the incredible efforts of our students, families, educators, and community members, the NJDOE believes that it is critical to use the data available in the reports, along with other information collected directly within your LEA and community, to start conversations, identify gaps in information, and continue to find ways to address the impacts of COVID-19 while ensuring all students receive the appropriate supports.

“Despite disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud to continue to provide our school communities in New Jersey with a broad range of data,” said Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, Acting Commissioner of Education. “These reports offer a wealth of information to start conversations and increase engagement about how schools are providing equitable educational opportunities to all students.”

The 2020-2021 reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback and updated federal and state requirements. These changes include:

- **New career and college readiness data**, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and dual enrollment participation by student group and work-based learning participation;
- **Additional graduation data** that includes the six-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. Note that the NJDOE now uses a different methodology to calculate the federal graduation rate, as per a U.S. Department of Education (USDE) directive, and the new School Performance Reports provide the graduation rate using both the prior calculation methodology and the one as directed by USDE;
- **Expanded staff data** including staff counts and information about teachers by subject area, as requested by stakeholders;
- **New apprenticeship data** that shows how many students register in apprenticeship programs after high school graduation; and

- **Links to additional data** such as Start Strong assessment results and opportunity to learn data, which includes information about internet connectivity and device data during the 2020-2021 school year.

The School Performance Reports and other supporting documents can be accessed on the NJDOE's [School Performance Reports website](#), or www.njschooldata.org.

