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TO: Chief School Administrators  
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FROM: Peggy McDonald, Acting Assistant Commissioner  
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SUBJECT: New Student Safety Data System for School Year 2017-18

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has developed a new Student Safety Data System (SSDS) to help districts streamline data entry and ensure more accurate reporting. This system combines and replaces both the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) and the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying – Investigations, Trainings, and Programs (HIB-ITP) system.

The new features and data reporting changes in the SSDS were developed to focus only on what is required for state and federal data collection. Changes to the data entry process are intended to simplify the process and make it more user-friendly. The SSDS will be open for schools to meet all reporting requirements for the 2017-18 school year.

To prepare school districts for the new system collection requirements, the NJDOE's [Student Safety Data System Homeroom](#) webpage contains the following resources: 1) [Student Safety Data System At-a-Glance Changes for 2017-18 Reporting](#) and 2) [Student Safety Data System Guidance 2017-18](#).

You will be notified when the online training module and in-person trainings for SSDS decision-makers, as well as when forms for recording incidents, will be available to staff. Additionally, a user manual and online training module on the data entry and submission process will be available when the system is opened.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the submission and use of accurate data.

c: Members, State Board of Education  
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