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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Peggy McDonald, Acting Assistant Commissioner
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SUBJECT: Training on New Student Safety Data System

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is offering online training and resources regarding the new Student Safety Data System (SSDS) that will be implemented in November to help districts streamline data entry and ensure more accurate reporting. The new SSDS will combine and replace both the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) and the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying—Investigations, Trainings, and Programs (HIB-ITP) system.

In September, the SSDS will be available to a select group of pilot districts, and the system will be available to all districts, charter/renaissance school projects and Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities in November 2017.

To give school officials ample time to become familiar with the new reporting system, the NJDOE is providing online resources and guidance on using the program. The [Student Safety Data System Homeroom](#) webpage includes documents such as “SSDS Guidance for 2017-18,” “At-a-Glance Reporting Changes for 2017-18,” forms for reporting incidents, and a new training module for SSDS decision-makers entitled, “What to Report to the Student Safety Data System.” A user manual and an online training module on the data entry and submission process will be available on the webpage in September.

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

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