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Dear Colleagues,

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all state and local agencies receiving Title I funding provide the public with an annual report card evaluating school performance and progress. In addition to the New York State School Report Card currently available on our public data site, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has developed a Parent Dashboard to meet these requirements in a way that is informative and user-friendly for parents and the public. The Parent Dashboard offers information on all public schools including charter schools.

The Parent Dashboard will go live on Thursday, October 29, 2020 on NYSED's [public data website](#) to better provide parents and community stakeholders with information about their child's school.

The Parent Dashboard is part of NYSED's [ESSA plan](#), which emphasizes equity in education for all students and expands measures of school accountability and student success. With this dashboard, NYSED aims to provide a resource that is truly valuable and will serve as a model for other states.

In 2019, NYSED gathered feedback from parents and stakeholders to guide the work of developing the Parent Dashboard. This year, the Department will gather additional feedback from parents and stakeholders to guide further enhancements. We need your assistance to engage parents in this critical phase of raising awareness and generating feedback about the Parent Dashboard.

After the Parent Dashboard is made available to the public on October 29, please complete the actions detailed in the attached **NYSED Parent Dashboard Communications Toolkit**. We ask that you complete the following steps by Monday, November 30, 2020:

1. Place a link to the Parent Dashboard on your school and district websites.
2. Send the Parent Dashboard Letter to students' parents and guardians. The letter provides information about the Parent Dashboard and includes an [online feedback survey](#) available in 17 languages.
3. Use the pre-written posts and graphics to help raise awareness about the Parent Dashboard on your school and district social media channels.

Please visit our [Data Help Center](#) for questions or feedback. Thank you for your help and for your continued commitment to education for all New York State children.

Sincerely,

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