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Bureau of Special Education FY'09 Memo #47

Date: May 20, 2009

To: Superintendents of Schools  
Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Instruction  
Bureau of Special Education

Re: Public Reporting of District Special Education Data (District Data Profiles)  
and District Determinations

As required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act Of 2004 (IDEA), the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education must report annually to the public on each NH district's performance on the targets in the State's Performance Plan (SPP). These reports are referred to as Special Education District Data Profiles and are located on the NH Department of Education website in the special education section.

<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/instruction/SpecialEd/DistrictDataProfiles.htm>

The NH Department of Education anticipates publishing the third special education district data profiles by May 29, 2009. Profiles compare district performance to the state performance and targets in the Annual Performance Report for FFY 2007 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008).

The New Hampshire Department of Education is offering two opportunities for Superintendents, Special Education Administrators, or their designees to participate in an information teleconference. The purpose of these teleconferences will be to provide guidance to local districts on the district data profiles. Each Superintendent and Special Education Director will be sent their district data profile prior to the information teleconference. Please see the attached details on these information teleconferences.

States are also required to make determinations annually on the performance of local school districts on meeting the requirements of IDEA. District determinations will be made after the district data profiles have been published. An overview of the determination requirements and process will be shared at the information teleconferences. With the increase in IDEA federal funding (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act); districts who are determined to meet the requirements of IDEA may be able to reduce their maintenance of effort through the flexible authority provided under IDEA.

For more information, please contact Ruth Littlefield at (603) 271-2178 or [rlittlefield@ed.state.nh.us](mailto:rlittlefield@ed.state.nh.us)

This document is available in alternate format upon request.

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Attachment

# Public Reporting for IDEA Special Education District Data Profiles

## Teleconferences

Please ask to join the District Data Profiles Teleconference (*50 lines will be available*)  
You do not need to register, just call in.

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2009  
Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Teleconference: Call in information – Conference Line number: 1-888-632-5950  
Conference ID: District Data Profiles

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2009  
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am  
Teleconference: Call in information – Conference Line number: 1-888-632-5950  
Conference ID: District Data Profiles

## Information Session Outcomes

District administrators participating will:

- ❖ Increase knowledge and understanding of district data profiles and determinations of performance
- ❖ Review local district data profile prior to public release
- ❖ Be aware of state timelines for public reporting and determinations
- ❖ Share strategies for informing community members about the data

## Agenda Overview

- ❖ Public reporting of district performance on state special education targets
- ❖ Annual determination of district performance in meeting IDEA requirements
- ❖ Review district data profiles by district
- ❖ State Timelines
- ❖ Strategies for Community Awareness
- ❖ Questions and Clarifications