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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Instruction
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Re: 2008-2009 Parent Involvement Survey Statewide Results

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the release of the **2008-2009 Parent Involvement Statewide Survey Results**. The results have been posted on the NHDOE website:

www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/instruction/SpecialEd/ParentInvolvement/ParentInvolvement.htm

The second Parent Information Survey was distributed in March 2009. The survey measured the percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that the schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving special education services and results.

Highlights from the 2008-2009 Parent Involvement Statewide Survey Results Report:

- In 2009 there was a dramatic increase in the percentage of parents who indicated that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving special education services and results for children with disabilities.
 - from 53% to 57% among preschool parents;
 - from 30% to 43% among school age parents, and
 - from 32% to 45% among preschool and school age parents combined.
- These positive results are directly correlated and attributed to the cooperation and collaboration of NH school districts and NH parent organizations to support the successful administration of the survey to over 33,000 parents of children receiving special education services.

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Attached, for your use, is a sample letter to thank school staff and families for their work and efforts in completing the 2008-2009 Parent Survey.

The Department of Education supports you in your efforts to promote parent and school partnerships necessary to support children receiving special education.

The State of New Hampshire by his Excellency John H. Lynch, Governor has proclaimed the month of October 2009 as Parent Involvement in Education Month in New Hampshire, and has urged all citizens to recognize and encourage parents for their involvement and commitment to education children.

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