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Bureau of Special Education FY'11 Memo #6

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To: Superintendents of Schools
Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Instruction
Bureau of Special Education

Re: **2009-2010 Parent Involvement Survey Statewide Results**

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the release of the **2009-2010 Parent Involvement Statewide Survey Results**. The results have been posted on the NHDOE website:

http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/parent_involv.htm

The third Parent Involvement Survey was distributed in March 2010. 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 2009-2010 Parent Involvement Statewide Survey Results Report:

- In 2010 there was an 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 57% to 60% among preschool parents,
 - from 43% to 46% among school age parents, and
 - from 45% to 47% among preschool and school age parents combined.
- Over the last three years the results of the parent surveys administered in 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 school years, the following increases have occurred:
 - The overall survey response rate has increased from 16% to 19%.
 - The survey response rate at or above the standard has increased from 32% to 47% for preschool and school age combined.

Attached for your use is a sample letter to thank school staff and families for their work and efforts in completing the 2009-2010 Parent Survey.

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

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