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RE: 2014-2015 Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education Executive Summary

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the release of the **2014-2015 Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education Executive Summary**. The results have been posted on the NHDOE website:

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

2014-2015 marked the eighth year New Hampshire has conducted the Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education. The survey measures 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. In 2015 New Hampshire began conducting a census survey over two years. Districts were divided into two Survey Blocks. Survey Block A administered the Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education in 2014-2015.

The response rate (preschool and school aged parents combined) for Block A was 17%. Additionally, 35% of families of children receiving special education services (preschool and school aged parents combined) in Block A reported that their school facilitated parent involvement as a means to improving special education services and results.

The Department of Education supports you in your efforts to promote family-school partnerships in special education. During the 2015-2016 school year, the NHDOE will continue to offer targeted technical assistance to schools and families through the NH Connections project (www.nhconnections.org) funded by the Bureau of Special Education and offer other statewide webinars and training opportunities. Also, attached for your use is a sample letter to thank school staff and families for their work and efforts in completing the 2014-2015 Parent Survey.

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