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RE: **2011-2012 Parent Involvement Survey Statewide Results**

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the release of the **2011-2012 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 Fifth Parent Involvement Survey was distributed in March 2012. 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 2011-2012 Parent Involvement Statewide Survey Results Report:

- The percentage of parents (preschool and school aged parents combined) who indicated that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving special education services and results for children with disabilities rose from 50% to 51%.
- Over 90% of parents who returned the survey (both preschool and school age combined) strongly agreed that:
 - Families were given information about their rights as a parent(s) of a child who is eligible for special education services;
 - Parent(s) are part of the IEP decision making process.

These positive results suggest that the improvement activities implemented on a State and local level has had a dramatic effect on parent involvement and family-school partnerships in special education. The Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education supports you in your efforts to promote family-school partnerships in special education. During the 2011-2012 school year, the Bureau will continue to offer targeted technical assistance to schools and families through the NH Connections project, funded by the Bureau of Special Education, and other statewide webinars and training opportunities.

For more information, please contact Mary Lane, 603-271-3740 or Mary.Lane@doe.nh.gov. Also, attached for your use is a sample letter to thank school staff and families for their work and efforts in completing the 2011-2012 Parent Survey.