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To: Superintendents of Schools
Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education
Division of Educational Improvement
Bureau of Special Education

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:


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](http://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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