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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner

Division of Educational Improvement
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Re: 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education Executive Summary.

The results have been posted: http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/parent_involv.htm

2015-2016 marked the ninth 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 B administered the Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education in 2015-2016.

The response rate (preschool and school aged parents combined) for Block B was 17.4%. Additionally, 41.5% of families of children receiving special education services (preschool and school aged parents combined) in Block B 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 2016-2017 school year, the NHDOE will continue to offer targeted technical assistance to schools and families through the New Hampshire Connections project (www.nhconnections.org), funded by the Bureau of Special Education and offer other statewide webinars and training opportunities. Attached for your use is a sample letter to thank school staff and families for their work and efforts in completing the 2015-2016 Parent Survey.

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