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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: July 2017 PennData Table 8A Submission

In July 2017, local educational agencies (LEAs) assigned to this year's reporting cohort will submit their data for PennData Table 8A, Report of Children with Disabilities Evaluated July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Below is a list of all LEAs that are required to submit Table 8A this July. If an LEA does not appear on this list, the LEA is not required to submit Table 8A data in July 2017.

Table 8A data is being collected on a cyclical basis. Those LEAs that are to submit Table 8A to the Bureau of Special Education (BSE) will be informed of such in May of each year. Regardless of their reporting status, all LEAs in the state must continue to collect and maintain data regarding timely evaluations so that the LEA can assess its on-going compliance and program effectiveness and be prepared to report data to the state when notified to do so.

Table 8A is used for two purposes:

1. To calculate and report to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) an annual state rate of compliance with timelines for completing initial evaluations of students to determine their eligibility for special education under the State Performance Plan; and
2. To report to the public on the performance of LEAs in the commonwealth in complying with the required timelines.

Data collected over the past several years on compliance with timelines for initial evaluations show that while many LEAs have achieved full compliance, others have not. When LEAs do not comply and improve performance, the overall state rate reported to OSEP is negatively affected. Further, any LEA that reports less than 100 percent compliance with timelines will be required to engage in quarterly reporting to the BSE to document correction of noncompliance. It is therefore imperative that all LEAs be as accurate as possible in collecting and reporting PennData Table 8A data.

OSEP has advised that states should factor out from their Table 8A calculation those students whose evaluation timelines are affected by two exceptions in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act regulations. Specifically, Section 300.301(d) allows that the 60-day timeline for completing initial

evaluations does not apply to a public agency if (1) the parent of a child repeatedly fails or refuses to produce the child for the evaluation, or (2) a child enrolls in a school of another agency after the timeline has begun and prior to a determination by the prior agency as to whether the child is a child with a disability. This second exception applies only if the subsequent public agency is making sufficient progress to ensure prompt completion of the evaluation and the parent and subsequent agency agree to a specific time when the evaluation will be completed. To ensure accurate reporting, it is critical that when a delay in meeting timelines occurs LEAs correctly code the reasons for the delay in accordance with the exceptions above.

The Table 8A Template for the July 2017 submission is available on the PennData website at <http://penndata.hbg.psu.edu> under the 2016-17 section.

Questions regarding completion of PennData Table 8A should be referred to the Intermediate Unit PennData Manager. Questions regarding this Penn*Link may be referred to Jodi Rissinger in the Bureau of Special Education at jrissinger@pa.gov or 717.783.6911.

<u>Intermediate Unit</u>	<u>Local Educational Agency</u>
01	Charleroi Area SD
01	Chartiers-Houston SD
01	Fort Cherry SD
01	Peters Township SD
01	Trinity Area SD
01	Washington SD
02	Provident CS
03	Gateway SD
03	Moon Area SD
03	North Hills SD
03	South Park SD
03	Young Scholars of McKeesport CS
03	Pennsylvania Distance Learning CS
04	Commodore Perry SD
04	Mars Area SD
04	Seneca Valley SD
04	West Middlesex Area SD
05	Fort Leboeuf SD
05	Harbor Creek SD
05	Robert Benjamin Wiley Community CS
05	Perseus House CS of Excellence
06	Brockway Area SD
07	Dr. Robert Ketterer CS
08	Altoona Area SD
08	Central Cambria SD
08	Claysburg-Kimmel SD
08	Northern Bedford County SD
08	Spring Cove SD
08	Westmont Hilltop SD
09	Ridgway Area SD

<u>Intermediate Unit</u>	<u>Local Educational Agency</u>
10	Bellefonte Area SD
10	Moshannon Valley SD
11	Mifflin County SD
11	New Day CS
13	Lebanon SD
14	Fleetwood Area SD
14	Reading SD
15	Camp Hill SD
15	Steelton Highspire SD
15	Sylvan Heights Science CS
15	Commonwealth Charter Academy CS
15	Infinity CS
15	Reach Cyber CS
16	Bloomsburg Area SD
17	Athens Area SD
17	Canton Area SD
17	Troy Area SD
17	Wyalusing Area SD
18	Bear Creek Community CS
18	Crestwood SD
18	Greater Nanticoke Area SD
18	Northwest Area SD
18	Pittston Area SD
18	Wilkes-Barre Area SD
19	Old Forge SD
20	Lehigh Valley Academy Regional CS
20	Lehigh Valley CHS for the Arts
21	Weatherly Area SD
21	Arts Academy Elementary CS
21	Innovative Arts Academy CS
22	Bensalem Township SD
22	New Hope-Solebury SD
22	Quakertown Community SD
22	Center for Student Learning CS at Pennsbury
22	School Lane CS
23	Pottsgrove SD
23	Upper Merion Area SD
25	Garnet Valley SD
25	Vision Academy CS
26	Philadelphia City SD
26	KIPP Philadelphia CS
26	West Oak Lane CS
26	Maritime Academy CS
26	Imhotep Institute CHS
26	Khepera CS
26	Laboratory CS

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Local Educational Agency

Global Leadership Academy CS Southwest at Huey
Independence CS West
KIPP West Philadelphia CS
MAST Community CS II
Mastery CS - John Wister Elementary
TECH Freire CS
Freedom Area SD
Rochester Area SD
Tri-Valley SD