

Pennsylvania Department of Education  
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To: School District Superintendents  
School District Special Education Directors  
Intermediate Unit Executive Directors  
Intermediate Unit Special Education Directors  
Charter School Chief Executive Officers  
Charter School Special Education Directors

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Subject: Survey of Parents of Students with Disabilities

Pennsylvania's State Performance Plan requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 include collecting and reporting data on the involvement of families in special education programs. Specifically, states must report annually to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the public on State Performance Plan Indicator 8 which is: "Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities."

Like many other states, Pennsylvania is collecting this data through a large-scale survey. Pennsylvania reports results of the survey to OSEP in its State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report. This report is posted on the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) websites. Reporting on local educational agency (LEA) performance is done through the Special Education Data Reports on the PennData website.

To ensure that parents from every LEA in the commonwealth are included in the survey, the state developed a sampling plan that was approved by OSEP. Under this sampling, the state collects data each year from a representative sample of parents in approximately one-fifth of the state's LEAs. The LEAs in this year's sample are listed below. Parents receiving the survey were selected from PennData using a stratified random sample of school age students in each LEA. Surveys will be mailed directly to the parents from Leader Services in the next few weeks.

The survey Pennsylvania is using was developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring under a grant awarded to that center by OSEP. The survey can be viewed at [http://www.leaderservices.com/pasurvey/PDE\\_parentsurvey\\_SA.pdf](http://www.leaderservices.com/pasurvey/PDE_parentsurvey_SA.pdf). Additional information about the survey can be found on the PaTTAN website at <http://tinyurl.com/Indicator8>.

A letter that accompanies the survey assures parents that their responses will be confidential. Parents are directed to address questions they may have about the survey to the Special Education Consultline at PaTTAN-Harrisburg. Should parents contact LEA personnel about the survey, we ask that your staff encourages them to participate in the survey process.

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<b><u>Intermediate Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Local Educational Agency</u></b>
1	Connellsville Area School District
1	Jefferson-Morgan School District
1	Peters Township School District
2	Academy Charter School
2	Propel Charter School-Hazelwood
3	Propel Charter School-Montour
3	Bethel Park School District
3	Keystone Oaks School District
3	Quaker Valley School District
3	South Allegheny School District
3	South Fayette Township School District
3	South Park School District
3	Steel Valley School District
3	West Mifflin Area School District
3	Woodland Hills School District
3	Propel Charter School-Braddock Hills
4	Mohawk Area School District
4	Farrell Area School District
4	Greenville Area School District
4	Jamestown Area School District
4	Lakeview School District
4	Sharon City School District
4	West Middlesex Area School District
5	Conneaut School District
5	Penncrest School District
6	Clarion Area School District
6	Clarion-Limestone Area School District
6	North Clarion County School District
6	Union School District
6	Dubois Area School District
7	Hempfield Area School District
7	Jeannette City School District
7	Kiski Area School District
7	Penn-Trafford School District
7	Southmoreland School District
8	Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation Charter School
8	Claysburg-Kimmel School District
8	Greater Johnstown School District
8	Westmont Hilltop School District
8	Meyersdale Area School District
8	Somerset Area School District

9	Cameron County School District
9	Johnsonburg Area School District
9	Otto-Eldred School District
9	Austin Area School District
10	Bellefonte Area School District
10	Centre Learning Community Charter School
10	State College Area School District
10	Clearfield Area School District
10	West Branch Area School District
12	Tuscarora School District
12	Dover Area School District
12	Spring Grove Area School District
12	York City School District
13	Cocalico School District
13	Warwick School District
13	Eastern Lebanon County School District
13	Northern Lebanon School District
14	Antietam School District
14	Boyertown Area School District
14	Conrad Weiser Area School District
14	Hamburg Area School District
15	Cumberland Valley School District
15	East Pennsboro Area School District
15	Millersburg Area School District
15	Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School
15	Upper Dauphin Area School District
15	Newport School District
16	Berwick Area School District
16	Danville Area School District
16	Susq-Cyber Charter School
16	Mount Carmel Area School District
16	Shamokin Area School District
16	Mifflinburg Area School District
17	Towanda Area School District
17	Wyalusing Area School District
17	Jersey Shore Area School District
17	Montgomery Area School District
17	South Williamsport Area School District
17	Sullivan County School District
17	Northern Tioga School District
18	Northwest Area School District
18	Wilkes-Barre Area School District
19	Valley View School District
19	Wallenpaupack Area School District
19	Lackawanna Trail School District
20	Pocono Mountain School District
20	Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School

20 Saucon Valley School District  
20 Wilson Area School District  
21 Whitehall-Coplay School District  
21 Arts Academy Elementary Charter School  
22 Bristol Township School District  
22 Council Rock School District  
23 Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School  
23 Abington School District  
23 Norristown Area School District  
23 Upper Merion Area School District  
24 Collegium Charter School  
24 Great Valley School District  
24 Octorara Area School District  
24 Tredyffrin-Easttown School District  
25 Widener Partnership Charter School  
25 Chester-Upland School District  
25 Rose Tree Media School District  
25 Upper Darby School District  
26 Antonia Pantoja Community Charter School  
26 Wissahickon Charter School  
26 Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School  
26 Philadelphia Electrical & Technology Charter High School  
26 Maritime Academy Charter School  
26 Philadelphia Montessori Charter School  
26 Community Academy of Philadelphia Charter School  
26 West Oak Lane Charter School  
26 Young Scholars Charter School  
26 Freire Charter School  
26 Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School  
26 Universal Vare Charter School  
26 Independence Charter School  
26 Mastery Charter School-Gratz Campus  
26 KIPP DuBois Charter School  
26 Philadelphia City School District  
26 Mastery Charter School Harrity Campus  
26 Mastery Charter School-Cleveland Elementary  
26 Mastery Charter School-Pickett Campus  
26 Universal Bluford Charter School  
26 KIPP West Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School  
27 Aliquippa School District  
27 Beaver Area School District  
27 Central Valley School District  
27 Rochester Area School District  
28 Freeport Area School District  
28 Blairsville-Saltsburg School District  
28 Purchase Line School District  
29 Pine Grove Area School District