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**To:** District Superintendents, Superintendents of Public Schools, and Principals of Charter Schools  
**From:** Ira Schwartz, Assistant Commissioner  
**Subject:** Preliminary Accountability Status of Identified Schools for 2015-16  
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The purpose of this memo is to share with Focus Districts and Focus Charter Schools the preliminary 2015-16 accountability status of current Priority Schools, Focus Districts and Focus Schools. The accountability status list of Schools in Good Standing, Local Assistance Plan (LAP) Schools and Reward Schools for the 2015-16 school year will be announced under separate cover by July 2015.

The list containing the preliminary accountability status of Priority Schools, Focus Districts, Focus Schools and prospective Good Standing schools is posted on the Information and Report Services (IRS) portal at <http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/page/pref/PortalApp>. The 2013-14 assessment data used to determine the accountability statuses of schools and districts is available in the New York State Report Card at: <https://reportcards.nysed.gov/>.

Below is the list of files posted to the IRS portal, generated based on your district's and school's identification status.

File Name	Posted
ThirdYearPerformanceFocusDistrict.xls	Yes
ThirdYearPerformanceFocusSchools.xls	Yes
FocusSchoolSubstitutionListfor2015-16.xls	Yes <sup>1</sup>
ThirdYearPerformancePrioritySchools.xls	Yes <sup>1</sup>
District&SchoolMGPfor2012-13&2013-14.xls	Yes
DataDictionaryfor2015-16.xls	Yes

<sup>1</sup> If identified

This data is currently embargoed and is being provided to you so that it can be reviewed prior to public release. The New York State Education Department plans to release the final accountability status of these schools and districts to the public in May 2015.

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