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Assistant Commissioner for Data Systems
Information and Reporting Services

To:	BOCES District Superintendents Superintendents of Schools Principals of Charter and Other Public Schools
From:	Ken Wagner
Date:	June 1, 2012
Re:	Extension of the Deadline for Reporting Teacher-Student Data Linkages (TSDL) in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS)

As described in the March 2012 field communication found at
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/teacher/TSDL-and-RosterVerification-final3-15-12.pdf, the
following data were due to be reported to the Student Information Repository System
(SIRS) for teacher/principal evaluation purposes by June 1, 2012:

- Student demographic, enrollment, program service, and State assessment information (already required for school/district accountability purposes);
- Teacher-student data linkage (TSDL) start and end dates for the grades 3-8 and secondary-level course codes listed in Appendix A of the memorandum;
- Teacher-student course, enrollment, and attendance linkage duration calculations (to be used for research purposes for the 2011-12 school year).

On March 15, 2012, we deployed roster verification reports that allow teachers to review
and correct their data before they are used for evaluation purposes. While significant
data have been reported from a large number of districts (approximately 69,000
teachers in 751 school districts or charter schools, representing about 80% of tested
students in grades 3-8 and 59% of tested students in high school) a number of schools
and districts, including New York City, have been unable to complete the reporting and
verification process prior to the June 1 deadline.

Extension of Reporting Deadline

In order to ensure the data upon which growth scores will be based are as complete
and accurate as possible, the June 1 deadline will be extended. **The new deadline for
reporting the data described above is July 8, 2012** (your regional data center may
establish a slightly earlier date to allow sufficient time for processing). We urge you to
take advantage of this additional time to continue your teacher and other data
verification efforts so the most complete and accurate data can be submitted prior to
July 8.

Please note that we have a very tight timeline to collect the data, calculate growth scores, and return the information to schools and districts in time for the completion of all 2011-12 evaluation activities by September 1, 2012, as required by Education Law §3012-c. A five-week delay in the reporting deadline will make this timeline even more challenging. We will continue to work with our partners to ensure that this work is completed as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support as we move forward with this challenging and important initiative. If you have any questions about these technical requirements, please contact your RIC or Big 5 City School District data center or the office of Information and Reporting Services at (518) 474-7965 or via email at dataquest@mail.nysed.gov. If you have questions about the requirements for teacher/principal evaluations, please contact educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov.

NOTE: Teachers and principals employed by the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) will use alternate data verification processes and reports. NYCDOE teachers and principals will have access to an online tool, Class List Reporting, to review and update class list information. If NYCDOE teachers have questions about this process, they should contact their principals or data specialists in their school or network. Teacher and principals employed by charter schools located in NYC will view their data by using the NYSED reports.

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