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To: District Superintendents, Superintendents of Public Schools, and Principals of Charter Schools
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Subject: Preliminary Accountability Status of Schools for 2013-14
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The purpose of this memo is to share with districts and charters the preliminary accountability status of schools and districts for 2013-14 and to announce the preliminary identification of Reward Schools. Additional memos with specific details regarding progress made by Focus Districts, Focus Schools, Priority Schools, and regarding the identification of Local Assistance Plan Schools (LAP) will be sent separately.

The list containing the preliminary accountability statuses of all schools and districts, including Focus and Priority Schools, LAP and Reward Schools is posted to the IRS portal at <http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/page/pref/PortalApp>. The 2011-12 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. The files have been generated based on your district's identification status. Therefore, some of the files listed below may not be posted to the IRS portal for your district.

File Name	District Type		
	Good Standing	Focus District due to the presence of a Priority School	Focus District due to low achieving subgroup
AccountabilityStatusfor2013-14.xls	X	X	X
LocalAssistancePlanSchoolsfor2013-14.xls	X ¹	X ¹	X ¹
FirstYearPerformanceFocusDistrict.xls		X	X
FirstYearPerformanceFocusSchools.xls		X	X
FocusSchoolRankOrderListfor2013-14.xls			X
FirstYearPerformancePrioritySchools.xls		X	X ¹
RewardSchoolsfor2013-14.xls	X	X	X
District&SchoolSGPfor2011-12.xls	X	X	X
DataDictionaryfor2013-14.xls	X	X	X

¹ If identified

Identification of Reward Schools for the 2013-14 School Year

The Department has preliminarily identified 353 Reward Schools (including 5 Charters) in 194 districts for the 2013-2014 school year. Reward Schools are either schools that have made the most progress, or schools that have the highest achievement in the state without significant gaps in student achievement between subgroups. For more details on the Reward School identification methodology,

please visit the following website: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEAMaterials.html>. The Department is currently reviewing various options to acknowledge the performance of Reward Schools.

SED plans to release the final accountability status of all schools and districts, as well as the Reward Schools list, to the public in August 2013.

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