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To: Executive Directors of Approved Private In-State Residential Schools  
Superintendents, Special Act School Districts  
Superintendents, State-Operated Schools  
Superintendents, State-Supported Schools

From: Christopher Suriano 

Subject: Chapter 501 of the Laws of 2012 ("Protection of People with Special Needs Act") – Vehicle and Traffic Infraction Reporting and Classification Guidance

Attached for your review is a document from the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (Justice Center) regarding new guidance to assist mandated reporters in determining whether vehicle and traffic infractions involving a custodian and student are reportable to the Justice Center. We are requesting your assistance in distributing copies of this guidance to your staff to ensure that they are aware of the reporting requirements.

New York State Education Department (NYSED) regulations governing reportable incidents in approved residential schools can be found in section 200.15 of the [Regulations of the Commissioner of Education](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/lawsregs/documents/regulations-part-200-201-oct-2016.pdf) (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/lawsregs/documents/regulations-part-200-201-oct-2016.pdf>).

Additional information regarding the New York State Protection of People with Special Needs Act is available on the [Justice Center's website](https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/) (<https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/>).

The full text of the [Protection of People with Special Needs Act](http://www.governor.ny.gov/assets/justice4specialneeds/LBDCinfo.htm) can be viewed at (<http://www.governor.ny.gov/assets/justice4specialneeds/LBDCinfo.htm>).

We appreciate your attention to these important matters. Questions regarding the vehicle and traffic infraction reporting and classification guide should be directed to the Justice Center at (518) 549-0200.

Attachment