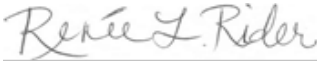




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FROM: Renée L. Rider 

DATE: May 2, 2016

RE: Submission of School Safety and Educational Climate Data, including Violent and Disruptive Incidents Report (VADIR) and Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) data

This memo is to inform you that the timeline for the collection of school summary counts of VADIR and DASA incidents for the 2015-16 school year (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) will be earlier than the mid-August collection timeline that was in place in prior school years.

The 2015-16 school year VADIR/DASA application will be available on the NYSED Application Business Portal beginning on June 27, 2016 with a reporting deadline* of July 25, 2016. The earlier collection timeline will allow schools to report incidents at the close of the 2015-16 school year, so the data can be made available in a more timely manner.

All public schools and districts, charter schools and BOCES that were active for any period during the 2015-16 school year are required to submit data regarding School Safety and the Educational Climate to NYSED – even if zero incidents are reported. Instructions and related materials for the 2015-16 collection will be posted on the Office of Information and Reporting Services website in the coming weeks at:

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/school_safety/school_safety_data_collection.html.

All incidents that occurred during the summer months, including when summer school was in session, must be included in the annual School Safety and the Educational Climate Data report.

Questions regarding the change in timeline or specific questions about the data collected (i.e. questions regarding incident classification, responsibility for reporting, etc.) may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090.

****Note that schools identified as Potentially Persistently Dangerous based on VADIR data for the 2014-15 school year must submit 2015-16 VADIR/DASA data no later than July 11, 2016.***