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TO: Chief School Administrator
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SUBJECT: Annual Data Report (ADR) for 2008
Part B – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of significant changes to the data collection system for the 2008 Annual Data Report (ADR) (i.e., the December 1 Count). During the 2007-2008 school year, a parallel submission of the December 1, 2007 ADR via NJSMART was conducted throughout February 2008. A variance analysis of the two collections was recently finalized.

Based on the positive results of the variance analysis, there is no need for a second parallel submission. Therefore, with the exception of data regarding nonpublic school students and special education personnel, the ADR for students with disabilities will be collected via NJSMART. The data to be collected through NJSMART will include the child counts, educational environments, age, race/ethnicity, Limited English Proficiency status, child find timelines and transition from early intervention services timelines.

Data regarding nonpublic school students will continue to be collected via the Department's web-based data collection system. The number of tables for this collection has been reduced as the educational environments no longer need to be reported for nonpublic school students.

In order to fulfill federal data collection and data submission requirements, the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs needed to revise the local school district ADR data submission timeline. **The date of the ADR has been changed to October 15, 2008.** The change in the submission date is necessary to provide sufficient time to apply needed edit checks to ensure the accuracy of the student level data. To facilitate the data submission, districts will be given until November 14, 2008 to submit the public school

data via NJSMART and the nonpublic school data via the Department's web-based data collection system.

To date, there are no changes to the tables for the web-based collection of personnel serving students with disabilities in public and nonpublic school settings.

Revised forms and directions for the web-based ADR for personnel and for nonpublic schools will be disseminated in September. Technical assistance regarding the data submission through NJ SMART will be available at the NJ SMART Help Desk by calling 1-800-254-0295 or emailing njsmart@pcgus.com.

The Department recognizes the complexity of these changes and appreciates your cooperation and efforts in making the transition to the student level data collection system successful.

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