



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you information about the 2019-2020 New Jersey School Performance Reports. The New Jersey's School Performance Reports provide families, educators, and the public a picture of overall school performance. The reports are available for your review, and can be found on the district website under the Curriculum tab or by clicking the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2un8s65k>

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the way school performance and student achievement is measured in the 2019-2020 School Performance Reports. Some data is not available at all and other data, while available, may not look the same as it did in prior years. I recognize that our existing data can't begin to measure the hard work and perseverance of the students, families, educators, and community members during this difficult year.

While this past year has been unlike any other, I believe that it is critical to use the available data in the reports, along with other information collected directly within the district, to start conversations, identify gaps in information, and continue to find ways to address the impacts of COVID-19 and ensure all students receive the support and resources that they need.

Notes are included throughout the School Performance Reports to explain where data is missing or impacted by COVID-19 and a new [Impact of COVID-19 on Data Availability](#) resource is available to summarize this information.

Enhancements to the 2019-2020 School Performance Reports

The 2019-2020 reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback collected over the last several years and during the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes include:

- **New report design** with improved visuals and new navigational tools
- **Additional data** about graduation cohorts to provide more information about students who do not graduate
- **New resources** to help explain the impact of COVID-19 on the availability of data in the reports
- **A new narrative field, "Learning During COVID-19"**, to give districts an opportunity to share information on how they responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NJDOE continues to seek public input on ways to improve future reports. Please complete the [School Performance Report feedback survey](#) or email reportcard@doe.nj.gov with feedback and suggestions.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Superintendent