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To: Superintendents of Persistently Struggling and Struggling Schools
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Subject: Evidence Rubrics for Demonstrable Indicators #2 (Community School Model), #94 (Extended Learning Time), and #98 (Chronic Absenteeism)
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In December 2015, the New York State Education Department (NYSED, or “the Department”) finalized with districts the individualized sets of Demonstrable Indicators that would be used to determine the progress of Persistently Struggling and Struggling Schools, as required by Commissioner’s Regulations 100.19. The Office of Student Support Services in collaboration with the Office of Accountability has finalized the process for determining progress for the following three Demonstrable Improvement metrics:

1. Implementation of a quality Community School Model (#2).
2. Implementation of a quality Extended Learning Time (ELT) program (#94).
3. Creation of a system to track and improve chronic absenteeism (#98).

Districts with Persistently Struggling and Struggling Schools that have chosen any of these three Demonstrable Improvement indicators are required to submit evidence of progress in these indicators using the following rubrics:

- Evidence Rubric - Implementation of a Community School Model (#2)
- Evidence Rubric - Implementation of an Extended Learning Time (ELT) program (#94)
- Evidence Rubric - Creation of a system to track and improve chronic absenteeism (#98)

These rubrics are posted on the Department’s Office of Accountability Receivership web page at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/de/SchoolReceivership.html>.

For each Persistently Struggling or Struggling school with these indicators, the district must submit the completed rubrics to accountinfo@nysed.gov by May 1, 2016. The completed rubrics will be reviewed by the Office of Student Support Services, and districts will be notified of approval of the rubrics by no later than July 15, 2016.

Should you have any questions regarding the rubrics and/or need additional information, please contact the Office of Accountability via e-mail at accountinfo@nysed.gov.

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