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**TO:** District Superintendents of BOCES

Superintendents of Public School Districts Outside NYC

Principals of Public Schools Outside NYC

**Charter School Leaders** 

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SUBJECT: Timeline, collection of 2019-20 school year School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC)

incident counts

This memo includes important information about reporting School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC) data. Please share this information with the Dignity Act Coordinator and other appropriate school and district staff.

## Submission of 2019-20 SSEC Data

All public schools and districts, charter schools, and BOCES that were active for any period during the 2019-20 school year are required to submit data regarding School Safety and the Educational Climate to NYSED – even if zero incidents are reported. In addition, all relevant incidents that occurred during the summer months of 2019, including when summer school was in session, must be included when reporting the 2019-20 data.

Questions regarding the timeline for reporting or 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. Information and training materials related to incident reporting categories are available on our <u>website</u>, and on the <u>Dignity for All Students Act website</u>.

## **Timeline for Reporting**

Category	SSEC Submission Due Date	Other Submissions
1. Schools identified as		
Potentially Persistently		
Dangerous (PPD) for the	July 10, 2020	
2019-20 school year and		
notified by letter on March 6,		
2020		

2. Schools designated as Persistently Dangerous (PD) for the 2019-20 school year	July 10, 2020	July 10, 2020 Parts 5 & 6 of Incident Reduction Plans (IRP)
3. All other public schools (including charter schools), public school districts, and BOCES	July 24, 2019 (School and district level SSEC forms)	

The SSEC data are collected through an online reporting application, the IRS Data Exchange or "IDEx" that is accessed through the NYSED Application Business Portal (<a href="https://portal.nysed.gov/abp">https://portal.nysed.gov/abp</a>) and will be available to all school districts, public schools, including charter schools, and BOCES **beginning on June 26, 2020**. After the close of the 2019-20 school year data collection window, SSEC data may not be changed.

Additional information about the IDEx application are outlined in the <u>step-by-step user guide</u> to reporting SSEC data. For further assistance, please visit the <u>help center</u> and click on "School Safety and the Educational Climate."

If you have difficulty accessing the online reporting form, please contact IRS at <a href="https://bedsvadirsupport.nysed.gov">https://bedsvadirsupport.nysed.gov</a>. Specific questions regarding SSEC reporting may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services at (518) 486-6090 or <a href="mailto:SSEC@nysed.gov">SSEC@nysed.gov</a>.