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To: District Superintendents, Superintendents, and Charter School Leaders

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Subject: 2019 -20 Participation Rate Improvement Plan

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In March 2019, based on the New York

plan and as

§100.21, the New York State Education the Participation Rate Status Report for each public

school in the state on the Information and Reporting Services (IRS) portal. The Department notified each district and charter school regarding any schools that had been identified as Potential Participation Rate Improvement Plan (PPRIP) schools. Districts and charter schools were notified that should any of these schools fail again in the 2018-19 school year to either meet the 95% participation rate requirement or show progress for any subgroup and subject for which the school was designated as a PPRIP, the school

Receive approval of the school participation rate plan, through adoption, from the district or charter school Board of Trustees after consultation with the committee, no later than 60 days following notification by NYSED to the district or charter school

Attachment B ESSA Participation Rate Improvement Plan

posted the Participation Rate Status Report for each public school in the state. Each district must complete the form below for each identified school that meets the requirements for developing a Participation Rate Improvement Plan.

To complete a Participation Rate Improvement Plan (PRIP) plan, please follow the instructions below:

- 1. To determine which school(s) in your district has been identified as a PRIP, please review your Participation Rate Status Report.
- 2. Complete the PRIP Form in this attachment for identified schools, as per the guidelines in Attachment A.
- 3. Once the PRIP is completed,

Attachment C

§100.21, Participation Rate Requirements and Plans

- (5) Interventions for schools that fail to demonstrate an assessment participation rate of 95 percent.
- (i) Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of this section, the Commissioner shall annually determine the participation rate for each accountability subgroup in each public school in which the subgroup has 40 or more students. The Commissioner shall determine that the subgroup has met the participation rate requirement if:
- (a) the participation rate for the current year equals or exceeds 95 percent; or
- (b) the weighted average of the current year and prior year participation rates equals or exceeds 95 percent;
- (ii) Beginning with 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school year results, any public elementary/middle or high school that has a Weighted Average Achievement Level of 1 or 2 and that fails to meet the required 95 percent participation rate for the same subgroup(s), in the same subject (i.e., ELA or math) for two consecutive years, and that fails to improve participation rate as compared to the previous year for the same subgroup(s) and subject(s), as determined by the Commissioner, must conduct a participation rate self-assessment and develop a participation rate improvement plan, in such form and according to such timeline as determined by the Commissioner. Such school participation rate self-assessment and improvement plan shall be developed in collaboration with a committee composed of the school principal or his/her designee(s); school staff, including teachers and student support staff selected by the representative collective bargaining organization(s), and parents (not employed by the district or a collective bargaining organization representing teachers or administrators in the district) selected by school-

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(viii) Any school that is required to conduct a self-assessment and develop a participation rate improvement plan shall be required to update such plan annually until the school is no longer failing to meet the 95 percent participation rate for any subgroup(s) and subject(s) which caused it to be required to conduct such self-assessment and develop such plan. For schools that have demonstrated improvement towards meeting the 95 percent participation rate requirement for the accountability group(s) for which such plan is required, the school shall not be required to conduct a new self-assessment or develop a new plan but instead shall be required to update its plan and/or provide the Department with an assurance that participation improvement strategies shall continue.

Attachment D - Participation Rate Improvement Plan Status Report Guide 2019-20
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This supporting document is to help your district and schools understand their 2019-20 Participation Rate Improvement Plan status determinations based on 2018-

the Weighted Average Achievement Level (for elementary-middle schools) or Composite Performance Level (for high schools) is 3 or 4.

Good Standing by Making Progress (GS:MP)

o An elementary-middle or high school subgroup is identified as GSMP if it meets the following criteria: the 2018-19 participation rate or 2018-19 two-year combined participation rate is <95%; ____ the 2018-19 participation rate is greater than the 2017-18 participation rate.

Good Standing: Met 95% Requirement

o An elementary-middle or high school subgroup is identified as GS 95 if the 2018-19 participation rate or 2018-19 two-year combined participation rate are >= 95%

Summary Report

The District summary report provides the 2019-20 school participation rate improvement plan status for each school in the district, and the results for the All Students group and the accountability subgroups within each grade level for ELA and Math based on 2018-19 school year data. The report header provides a summary of the accountability status identification rules as well as a Legend, which defines the identification labels.

Figure 1. Summary Report Layout Sample, shows a sample of the Summary report. The information in the report is organized in sections which correspond to the numbered columns on the worksheet, as follows:

Bementary-Middle Report

The Bementary-Middle report includes the participation rate improvement plan status at the subgroup level for the schools in the district that for the Bementary-Middle grades, the 2018-19 and 2017-18 ELA and Math participation rates and Weighted Average Achievement Level used to make the determinations. The report header provides a summary of the participation rate improvement plan status identification rule and a legend that defines the categories.

Figure 2 shows a sample of the Bementary-Middle report. The information in the report is organized in sections that correspond to the numbered columns on the worksheet, as follows:

Columns 1-4: District and School identifying information (same as the Summary report layout)

Column 5: School subgroup

Column 6: 2019 mation (same as the Summ

III. 2019-20 Participation Rate Improvement Plan Status

This section describes the business rules used to determine school Participation Rate Improvement Plan status.

Table 1 presents the ways in which

Table 2. Summary of School Participation Rate Improvement Plan Criteria

Determination for Identified Subgroups Based on 2017-18 School Year Results	Status for School Based on 2017-18 School Year Results	Determination for Identified Subgroups Based on 2018-19 School Year Results	Status Based on 2018-19 School Year Results	Is School Required to Implement a 2019-20 School Year Participation Rate Improvement Plan?
		The same subgroup is identified as PPRIP for the same subject (ELA or Math) and school level (Elementary-Middle or High School) AND the current year participation rate for All Students is in the bottom 10% statewide	PRIP	Yes, and plan is required to be submitted for approval
Any subgroup for	2000	The same subgroup is identified as PPRIP for the same subject (BLA or Math) and school level (Bementary-Middle or High School)	PRIP	Yes
either EM or HSmeets PPRIP PPRIP criteria		The same subgroup is not identified as PPRIP for the same subject (ELA or Math) and school level (Elementary-Middle or High School)	Good Standing	No
		The same subgroup is identified as PPRIP BUT for a different subject and/or grade level OR A different subgroup is identified as	PPRIP	No
		PPRIP		
No subgroup for either EM or HSmeets the PPRIP criteria		Any subgroup for either EM or HS meets PPRIP criteria	PPRIP	No
AND	GS	No subgroup for either EM or HS meets the PPRIP criteria		
At least one subgroup meets the GSWAA, GSMP, or GS95 criteria		AND At least one subgroup is identified as GSWAA, GSMP, or GS95	GS S	No

Understanding the next steps if identified as PRIP

Schools that meet the Participation Rate Improvement Plan criteria are required to submit their plan to the Department for approval _

school was identified as PRIP.

The All Student weighted average of the ELA and Math combined participation rate for the current year is used to

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for more information about the reporting requirements for schools in the bottom 10%

IV. Additional Resources

For information about the accountability system, see the Office of Accountability ESSA page. For information about data collections, see the Office of Information and Reporting Services page. For information about the Assessments, see the Office of Assessment page.