



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Lamont Repollet
Commissioner of Education
New Jersey Department of Education
100 Riverview Plaza, P.O. Box 500, Route 29
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Commissioner Repollet:

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is planning to conduct an on-site to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) on September 20–21, 2018.

OSEP's on-site visit will focus primarily on a review of the State's dispute resolution system. In order to obtain the most accurate information, OSEP would like to meet with the NJODE staff involved in, and responsible for, the oversight of this area within the State.

OSEP will work with your staff to develop an agenda for the visit. Following the on-site visit, OSEP will issue a letter that described the analysis of the State's dispute resolution system, any findings from the visit, and next steps, as appropriate. If the analysis of the data indicates noncompliance or potential noncompliance, OSEP will describe the noncompliance or potential noncompliance in the letter and require the State to take appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Thomas at 202-245-6238 or by email Dwight.Thomas@ed.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and continued work to improve results for children with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ruth E. Ryder
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

cc: Part B State Director