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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
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Charter School Administrators
Regional Information Directors
RIC and Big 5 Data Warehouse Project Managers

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SUBJECT: Public 2018 Total Cohort Graduation Rate Release

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the public release of Annual 2014 Cohort Graduation data release on Monday, January 28, 2019.

Public release of Annual 2014 Total Cohort Graduation Data

On the afternoon of Wednesday, January 30, 2019 Annual Total Cohort Graduation Rate Data will be publicly available via the New York State Education Department's [Public Data Site](#).

The 2018 total cohort graduates represent students who entered grade 9 (or ungraded students with disabilities who turned 17) in 2014. These data are calculated and reported for June and August four and five years after the students first entered grade 9 and six years after the students first entered grade 9 as of June. For more information on cohorts, see Appendix V in the [SIRS Manual](#). Total cohort graduation rate is calculated using the number of graduates as of the reporting date divided by the total cohort. These data are available on the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) [public data site](#) under "School Data" by selecting "High School Graduation Rate."

Annual total cohort graduate data are not the same as graduate data for institutional accountability. The NYS School Report Card, also available on the NYSED [public data site](#), under "School Data" by selecting "School Report Card" contain the graduation rates for students who entered grade 9 (or ungraded students with disabilities who turned 17) in a particular school year (graduation rate cohort), are lagged one year, are calculated and reported as of August four and five years after the students first entered grade 9. Certain accountability rules (i.e., combining multiple years of data for small schools, including former students with disabilities in the students with disabilities group and former English language learners in the English language learner group if there are 30 or more students with disabilities or English language learners) are applied to these

calculations. The NYS Report Cards contain all accountability data in the final approved New York State's final Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) [Consolidated State Plan](#).

Data Disclaimer

Although the greatest care has been taken to ensure that our data are up to date and accurate, New York State Education Department (NYSED) is providing these data as is. These data are what we believe to be the best available data based on data submitted to the NYSED by public school districts and charter schools throughout the school year and available for verification by districts until the close of the state data warehouse in late August. School district superintendents certify data is accurate in September. NYSED is not liable for any inaccurate data.

Additional Information

If you have questions about data contained in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) or data verification, please contact your Regional Information Center or Big 5 city school district data coordinator.

For additional graduation rate or publicly reported data site questions you may also contact the Office of Information and Reporting Services by email at help link at the bottom of our [public data site](#) or 518-474-7965.

New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) schools who have access issues or questions, please contact [NYC Systems access](#). For report content issues or questions please contact your NYC [Performance and Assessment Lead](#). All New York City Charter schools should contact the [charter school office](#) with all data questions.