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TO: Chief School Administrators
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SUBJECT: Parental Rights in Special Education (PRISE)

A revised copy of the procedural safeguards statement that is published by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.3(g)7 is now available on the NJDOE’s website. This document was developed to explain the rights afforded under special education law to adult students with disabilities and the parents of students with disabilities. Revisions include updated information on the electronic submission of requests for mediation and due process, new information on adult out-of-state placements, and edits to correct grammatical and typographical errors. The document replaces all previous versions of the PRISE. Previous versions of this document can no longer be used and should be discarded.

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