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TO: Chief School Administrators  
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SUBJECT: U.S. Census Bureau Boundary Review Project  
Deadline: October 27, 2017

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is required to submit boundary changes to the U.S. Census Bureau, which maintains school district boundary information for all local education agencies. Accordingly, **by October 27, 2017**, school districts must report to the NJDOE boundary changes that are effective for the school year 2017-18.

In September 2015, school districts last reviewed and verified their 2015-16 boundaries, which were based on Census TIGER mapping. Boundary maps can be viewed using the U.S. Census Bureau's [TIGERweb application](#).

**If your school district boundaries have changed since school year 2015-16, please notify the NJDOE by sending an email to [geo@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:geo@doe.state.nj.us). If there are no changes, no action is necessary.** The reporting requirement does not apply to vocational districts or special services school districts.

The School District Review Program (SDRP) is a program sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau every two years. The SDRP is a vital part of the U.S. Department of Education's allocation of Title I *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-95 § Stat. 1177 (2015-2016). The USDE uses district boundaries, along with Census population and income data, and the number of children age 5-17 in low-income households **for estimates that are the basis of Title I allocations.** You can find more information about the program on the [SDRP website](#).

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