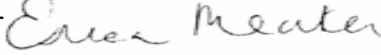




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To: District Superintendents
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RE: **2025-2026 MIGRANT STUDENT DATA VERIFICATION**

Date: March 19, 2026

The New York State Migrant Education Program (NYS-MEP), under Title I, Part C of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) of 2015, provides supplementary educational programs and supportive services to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems, and other unique factors that inhibit the ability of such children and youth to succeed in school, and to prepare them to make a successful transition to postsecondary education and/or employment.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED or “the Department”) is required to submit migrant subgroup data to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Migrant-eligible students must be identified and coded correctly in SIRS to ensure that this data submission is accurate and in compliance with federal laws, regulations, and policies.

To ensure that migrant children and youth have been accurately identified and served during the 2025-2026 school year, NYSED is requiring each school district to verify students coded as migrant-eligible in its student data management system against a list of students that have been issued official Certificates of Eligibility (COE) for migrant education program eligibility and participation. The goals of this request are to:

- (1) update migrant designations for students who are inaccurately coded; and
- (2) submit accurate migrant student data for inclusion in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS).

Migrant-eligible students must be accurately identified and coded when reporting such data to SIRS, as per requirements under ESSA § 1304(b)(3). New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) works

directly with the NYS-MEP to code migrant-eligible students for all public and charter schools located in NYC. Therefore, this memo does not apply to NYC schools.

If your school district enrolls migrant-eligible students during the 2025-26 school year, staff members from NYSED's regional [Migrant Education Tutorial and Support Services \(METS\)](#) program centers may contact you and/or the Chief Information Officer/District Data Coordinator by telephone or email beginning **Monday, March 23, 2026** with specific instructions to complete this data reconciliation process.

To prepare for these upcoming communications with the regional METS program centers, please determine which students in your school district are currently flagged in SIRS with the "Migrant" indicator for the 2025-2026 school year by performing the following required tasks:

1. Run the L2RPT-SIRS 401 *Reasonableness Report*.
2. Choose *All Locations*, *Student Demographic* category type, and *All Subtypes* from the dropdown menu.
3. Click on the *Migrant* category (Column "B") for "this year" to generate a list of students whom your district has currently designated as Migrant-eligible.

If the SIRS data require correction(s), the METS program center will provide you with the most up-to-date list of all migrant-eligible children and youth who have resided in your school/district catchment area at some point during the 2025-2026 school year and will work with you to ensure your student demographic information in SIRS is accurate. This data reconciliation process is critical to ensure that all migrant-eligible students are identified, coded accurately in SIRS and served with the appropriate educational programs and supportive services that best meet their unique needs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this reporting process, please do not hesitate to contact Sabrina Petruska-Wilmot (Sabrina.Wilmot@nysed.gov) at the Department. You may also wish to contact your local METS program centers for assistance. Their contact information is available at: <https://www.nysmigrant.org/map>.

Your assistance and attention to this are greatly appreciated.

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