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Dear Superintendent/School Nurse:

I am writing to share the list of school districts required to report student weight status category information to the New York State Department of Health for the **2026-2027** school year and to make you aware of tools and guidance available to support the reporting process.

Pursuant to New York State Education Law Sections 903 and 904, each year a sample of public-school districts are selected to participate in Student Weight Status Category Reporting Surveys; New York City is exempt.

Included in this letter is the list of school districts that have been selected to report for the **2026-2027** school year. The list of school districts and the guidance documents can be accessed through the New York State Department of Health website at [Student Weight Status Data](#). School building-level nurses should start collecting and aggregating the data from the **2025 – 2026** NYS School Health Examination Form for students in **Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, and 7, 9 and 11** onto the “School Tally Sheet”(s) for Part I and Part II starting in May and June of 2026 and then submit both School Tally Sheets to the School District Nurse Coordinator.

The School District Nurse Coordinator should aggregate the data from each school building to the “District Tally Sheet”(s) for Part I and Part II for their entire district first and then use the District Tally Sheets to report the Part I and Part II data to the BMI Surveys using the Survey Management and Response Tool (SMART) application on the Health Commerce System portal starting in November of 2026.

Training is provided to address questions on how to complete both the building tally sheets and district tally sheets and then how to submit the data using the Survey Management and Response Tool (SMART) on the Health Commerce System. Training is provided all year long, and a registration for BMI Trainings are also available starting in October 2026.

All Student Weight Status Category Surveys must be submitted via the Health Commerce System by **Friday, January 29, 2027**. Failure to complete and submit the survey is a violation of Education Law. Surveys are subject to audit by the Commissioner of Health. Your participation in the annual student weight status category reporting is appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact Sherry Brown, at (518) 473-7817 or email: schoolbmi@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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