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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Education is partnering with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management to improve the state's ability to respond to residents with disabilities or residents with functional needs when a disaster such as Hurricane Sandy occurs.

The "**Register Ready**" **Special Needs Registry for Disasters** is an online registry in which citizens can provide emergency response agencies with important information such as if a resident is wheelchair bound or requires medical apparatus. This information will help emergency responders to be better prepared to serve those individuals during a natural disaster or other emergency.

Register Ready is a confidential database that can only be accessed by designated local, county, and state emergency managers.

The New Jersey Department of Education is encouraging schools to circulate information about the new **Register Ready** program. If you have a family member who is wheel chair bound or requires medical apparatus, please consider signing them up at the [Register Ready registration](#) webpage before a disaster strikes.

Sincerely,



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