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Date: February 14th, 2024
To: Chief School Administrator
From: Kim Murray, Director
Office of Special Education
Subject: Needs Assessment Survey for the Establishment of a Private School for
Students with Disabilities

Limitless is applying to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval to establish and operate a private school for students with disabilities, in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:14-7. As part of the process, our office is required to disseminate a Needs Assessment Survey to local school districts to determine if there is a need for the proposed private school for students with disabilities.

Respondents are reminded, in accordance with federal and state regulations, that to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities shall be educated with children who are not disabled. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) team for a student with disabilities can consider placement in special classes, separate schooling, or other removal from the student's regular class only when the nature or severity of the educational disability is such that education in the student's regular class, with the use of appropriate supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily. In keeping with the federal reporting requirements for educational environments of students with disabilities, when determining the restrictiveness of a particular program option, such determinations are based solely on the amount of time a student with disabilities is educated outside the general education setting.

Return the Survey Response form via email by **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 to:**
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