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RE 2023-2024 MIGRANT STUDENT DATA VERIFICATION

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The New York State Migrant Education Program (NYSEMP), 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 2023-2024 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;
- (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).

