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TO: District Superintendents

Superintendents of Schools

Nonpublic School Administrators

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SUBJECT: Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning and Maintenance Product Impact Survey

The following survey is being conducted to assess the impact and implementation of the Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning and Maintenance (aka – green cleaning) law in New York State public and nonpublic schools. The survey may be accessed at: www.forms.nysed.gov/emsc/facplan/greenclean/

Who should complete the survey?

This survey should be completed by the person who is responsible for the selection of cleaning and maintenance products and the supervision of cleaning and maintenance personnel in public and nonpublic schools.

Why is this survey being conducted?

State Education Law 409-i requires the use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance (green) products in all <u>public and nonpublic</u> schools. The law took effect on September 1, 2006 and requires the State Education Department to develop an impact analysis report by June 1, 2007.

The survey has been designed to target the three main items in the legislation – are environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products available in the same <u>form</u>, <u>function</u>, <u>and utility</u> as previously used products.

What should be reported?

The responses to the survey should encompass all facilities under the public or nonpublic school's jurisdiction. Additional comments or suggestions are welcome at the end of the survey.

How can I learn more about this law and green cleaning? Please see:

www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan/GreenCleaning/Green Cleaning update 022607.html www.ogs.state.ny.us/bldgadmin/environmental/default.html www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan/GreenCleaning/greenclean.htm

When should I return the survey to the State Education Department?

Please access survey at www.forms.nysed.gov/emsc/facplan/greenclean/ and complete no later than April 27, 2007.