

**LRE INDEX SCORES  
and  
IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR LRE MONITORING**

PDE analyzes and reports the data collected on LRE categories in the following placement categories:

1. Students with IEPs who receive special education outside regular class less than 21% of the day; (higher numbers of students are desirable)
2. Students with IEPs who receive special education outside regular class more than 60% of the day; and (lower numbers of students are desirable)
3. Students with IEPs served in settings outside regular schools. (lower numbers of students are desirable)

A separate LRE index score is assigned for each of these three data categories based upon each district's relative percentage of students receiving special education services as compared to other districts.<sup>1</sup> A high LRE index score indicates a higher potential need for systemic LRE-related improvement within a particular data category. Conversely, a low LRE index score indicates a lower potential need for systemic LRE-related improvement within a particular data category. The three LRE index scores are used to identify half of the districts for LRE monitoring, as follows:

**Tier 1 – On-Site LRE Monitoring**

The twenty districts where LRE data indicate the highest potential need for systemic LRE related improvement are identified as Tier 1 districts and receive on-site LRE Monitoring.<sup>2</sup> Districts are identified within the three data categories as follows:

- o The 5 districts with the highest score in the first data category (lowest percentage of students receiving special education services outside the regular education classroom less than 21% of the school day).

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<sup>1</sup> The following placement data is excluded:

- Data for students who are placed without an IEP team decision (students receiving services in a hospital/homebound setting, correctional facility, or out of state facility),
- Data for students whose LEA does not control the placement (wards of state), and
- Data for one LEA where students all receive their education in another district (Bryn Athyn School District)

<sup>2</sup> Districts that are in the process of implementing a Tier 1 LRE corrective action and improvement plan are excluded from Tier identification. During the 2007-08 school year, 23 school districts were identified for Tier 1 on-site LRE Monitoring.

- The 10 districts with the highest score in the second data category (highest percentage of students receiving special education services outside the regular education classroom more than 60% of the school day).
- The 5 districts with the highest score in the third data category (highest percentage of students receiving special education services outside regular schools).

### **Tier 2 - Warning**

The thirty districts where LRE data indicate that the districts are close to the point of being subject to Tier 1 on-site LRE monitoring receive a letter of warning.<sup>3</sup> The letter identifies the data that indicate a need for LRE improvement and the steps to be taken by the district. Districts are identified within the three data categories as follows:<sup>4</sup>

- The 7 districts with the highest score in the first data category (lowest percentage of students receiving special education services outside the regular education classroom less than 21% of the school day).
- The 16 districts with the highest score in the second data category (highest percentage of students receiving special education services outside the regular education classroom more than 60% of the school day).
- The 7 districts with the highest score in the third data category (highest percentage of students receiving special education services outside regular schools).

### **Tier 3 - Alert**

The districts remaining within the bottom half of the data receive a letter of alert. The letter identifies the data that indicate a need for LRE improvement and describes resources available to the district to assist in improvement. □

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<sup>3</sup> Districts that are identified for Tier 1 LRE monitoring or are in the process of implementing a Tier 1 or Tier 2 LRE corrective action and improvement plan are excluded from Tier 2 identification.

<sup>4</sup> During the 2008-09 school year, the 30 tier 2 school districts were identified as follows: 8 districts with the highest score in the first data category (two districts had the same score because they had the same percentage of students); 15 districts with the highest score in the second data category; and 7 districts with the highest score in the third data category.

**LRE Monitoring Categories:** School districts identified for LRE monitoring were placed into one of three categories: Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3.

**Tier 1**

The 20 school districts where LRE data indicated the highest potential need for systemic LRE-related improvement were identified as Tier 1 districts. Tier 1 districts will receive on-site LRE monitoring in spring 2009.

**Tier 2**

Thirty school districts were identified as Tier 2 districts and received a letter of “Warning” in November, 2008.

**Tier 3**

The remaining 146 school districts identified via data analysis received a letter of “Alert” during November, 2008.

**08-09 LRE Tier 1 School Districts**

<b>Identified for category of &lt;21% of school day outside of regular education</b>	<b>Identified for category of &gt;60% of school day outside of regular education</b>	<b>Identified for category of other settings</b>
Catasauqua Area SD	Blue Ridge SD	Big Beaver Falls Area SD
Minersville Area SD	Central Dauphin SD	Jeannette City SD
Oswayo Valley SD	Farrell Area SD	Penn Hills SD
Smethport Area SD	Hazleton Area SD	Penn-Trafford SD
Upper Moreland Township SD	Northern Lebanon SD	South Allegheny SD
	Northern Tioga SD	
	Penns Manor Area SD	
	Pennsbury SD	
	Sharon City SD	
	South Williamsport Area SD	

**08-09 LRE Tier 2 School Districts**

<b>Identified for category of &lt;21% of school day outside of regular education</b>	<b>Identified for category of &gt;60% of school day outside of regular education</b>	<b>Identified for category of other settings</b>
Annville-Cleona SD	Conestoga Valley SD	Frazier SD
Carlynton SD	Dallas SD	Marple Newtown SD
Central Greene SD	Easton Area SD	New Brighton Area SD
Interboro SD	Lancaster SD	Pittsburgh SD
Keystone Central SD	Lehighon Area SD	Rochester Area SD
Purchase Line SD	Lower Dauphin SD	West Jefferson Hills SD
South Park SD	Manheim Township SD	West Mifflin Area SD
Wyoming Area SD	Mid Valley SD	
	Morrisville Borough SD	
	Newport SD	
	Palmyra Area SD	
	Shikellamy SD	
	Stroudsburg Area SD	
	Turkeyfoot Valley Area SD	
	Upper Darby SD	

**08-09 LRE Tier 3 School Districts**

<b>Identified for category of &lt;21% of school day outside of regular education</b>	<b>Identified for category of &gt;60% of school day outside of regular education</b>	<b>Identified for category of other settings</b>
Aliquippa SD	Albert Gallatin Area SD	Ambridge Area SD
Apollo-Ridge SD	Athens Area SD	Beaver Area SD
Avella Area SD	Bedford Area SD	Blackhawk SD
Belle Vernon Area SD	Bentworth SD	Blacklick Valley SD
Central Fulton SD	Bermudian Springs SD	Carlisle Area SD
Chichester SD	Bradford Area SD	Carmichaels Area SD
Colonial SD	Brownsville Area SD	Chartiers Valley SD
Conrad Weiser Area SD	Centennial SD	Deer Lakes SD
Dover Area SD	Central York SD	Downingtown Area SD
Eastern York SD	Cheltenham Township SD	Gateway SD
Governor Mifflin SD	Clarion Area SD	Greater Latrobe SD
Lackawanna Trail SD	Clarion-Limestone Area SD	Greensburg Salem SD
Mahanoy Area SD	Cocalico SD	Hopewell Area SD
Mercer Area SD	Conewago Valley SD	Jefferson-Morgan SD
Methacton SD	Cornwall-Lebanon SD	Jenkintown SD
Millersburg Area SD	Council Rock SD	Monessen City SD
Muhlenberg SD	Crawford Central SD	Montour SD
New Castle Area SD	Crestwood SD	Moon Area SD
Northern Cambria SD	Cumberland Valley SD	New Kensington-Arnold SD
Northwestern SD	Derry Township SD	Northgate SD
Pen Argyl Area SD	Donegal SD	Penn-Delco SD
Pottsgrove SD	Dubois Area SD	Phoenixville Area SD
Ridgway Area SD	East Lycoming SD	Pine Grove Area SD
Ringgold SD	East Pennsboro Area SD	Plum Borough SD
Saint Clair Area SD	Eastern Lancaster County SD	Riverside Beaver County SD
Souderton Area SD	Elizabethtown Area SD	Riverview SD
Spring-Ford Area SD	Ephrata Area SD	Rose Tree Media SD
Trinity Area SD	Everett Area SD	Scranton SD
Union SD	Fairfield Area SD	South Fayette Township SD
Upper Adams SD	Fort LeBoeuf SD	Southmoreland SD
Weatherly Area SD	General McLane SD	Springfield SD
West York Area SD	Girard SD	Tamaqua Area SD
Wilkes-Barre Area SD	Hanover Area SD	Twin Valley SD
Wilmington Area SD	Hempfield SD	Waynesboro Area SD
York City SD	Hollidaysburg Area SD	Western Beaver County SD
Yough SD	Jersey Shore Area SD	Wissahickon SD

Identified for category of <21% of school day outside of regular education	Identified for category of >60% of school day outside of regular education	Identified for category of other settings
	Jim Thorpe Area SD	
	Keystone SD	
	Kiski Area SD	
	Littlestown Area SD	
	Loyalsock Township SD	
	Mars Area SD	
	Mechanicsburg Area SD	
	Middletown Area SD	
	Mifflin County SD	
	North Penn SD	
	Northampton Area SD	
	Northeastern York SD	
	Palmerton Area SD	
	Penn Manor SD	
	Penncrest SD	
	Pequea Valley SD	
	Perkiomen Valley SD	
	Portage Area SD	
	Punxsutawney Area SD	
	Reynolds SD	
	Ridley SD	
	Riverside SD	
	Saint Marys Area SD	
	Selinsgrove Area SD	
	Shamokin Area SD	
	Shippensburg Area SD	
	Solanco SD	
	Spring Grove Area SD	
	Susquehanna Community SD	
	Susquehanna Township SD	
	Titusville Area SD	
	Towanda Area SD	
	Tuscarora SD	
	Uniontown Area SD	
	Upper Perkiomen SD	
	Wallenpaupack Area SD	
	West Perry SD	
	Whitehall-Coplay SD	