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Ms. Andrea Inman  
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Dear Ms. Inman:

The following is the New York State Education Department's (Department) response to the follow-up audit report, 2016-F-2, Compliance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act.

**Recommendation 3:**

Comply with provisions of the SAVE Act and the corresponding Regulations that require the Department to:

- annually designate persistently dangerous schools,
- notify local educational agencies of the designation so they can notify parents timely of the option to transfer to a safe public school, if one is available, and
- report annual VADIR results to the Governor, the Legislature and the Board of Regents.

**Status – Partially Implemented**

At the time of our follow-up, the Department had not submitted VADIR results to the Governor, Legislature, and Board of Regents as required. However, Department officials provided a draft copy of a report that will cover VADIR results for the 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 school years. Once the report is finalized, it will be submitted to the required parties.

**SED Response**

The Department is finalizing the report of the VADIR results submitted by schools to the Information Reporting System (IRS). Upon completion, the report will be shared with the Commissioner and submitted to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Board of Regents.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Sharon Holder, Director of Student Support Services at 518 473-2890.

Sincerely,

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