

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT REGARDING MAYWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PETITION TO TERMINATE THE SEND-RECEIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION

On August 8, 2019, the Maywood Board of Education filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking to terminate its current sending-receiving relationship with the Hackensack Board of Education and enter into a new sending-receiving relationship with the Carlstadt-East Rutherford Board of Education to educate Maywood's students in grades 9-12.

The Commissioner of Education will accept written comments to the proposal to have Maywood withdraw from Hackensack High School and send their students to Becton Regional High School. The comments are required to address the following question: Will the proposed change result in a substantial negative impact in any of the affected school districts in one or more of the following areas:

- Educational and financial implications
- Quality of Education received by students
- Racial composition of the student populations?

Your comments may be no longer than ten (10) pages and the comments must be submitted within twenty (20) calendar days from November 25, 2019, to the Commissioner of Education, at the following address:

New Jersey Department of Education,
Division of Controversies and Disputes,
100 Riverview Plaza,
PO Box 500, Trenton,
New Jersey 08625-0500.

You must submit two (2) copies of the comments to the Commissioner of Education. When you serve a copy on the Commissioner, you must also serve a copy on each of the attorneys for the Maywood, Hackensack, and Carlstadt-East Rutherford Boards of Education at the following addresses. Please note that all three must be copied.

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Anyone filing comments with the Commissioner must include with his/her comments a signed statement showing proof of service that says:

I certify that on _____, 2019 (date), which is the same date that I mailed two copies of the comments included herein to the Commissioner of Education, I mailed copies of the comments to the legal counsel for the Board of Education of Maywood, the Board of Education of Hackensack, and the Board of Education of Carlstadt-East Rutherford at the addresses stated in the notice regarding public comment. Once all comments are received, the Maywood, Hackensack, and Carlstadt-East Rutherford Boards of Education will have 20 days to file any reply.