## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Board of Education of the Borough of Maywood, Bergen County v. Board of Education of the City of Hackensack, Bergen County, Agency Dkt. No. 195-8/19

The Hackensack Board of Education has agreed, out of respect for their taxpayers, to permit the above-referenced petition filed by the Maywood Board of Education to proceed as an "uncontested matter" pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u>. 6A:3-6.1(b), in order to avoid divisive and expensive litigation.

Maywood's petition seeks to sever the send/receive relationship such that Maywood's students in grades 9 through 12 will no longer attend Hackensack Public Schools. Instead, Maywood seeks to enter into a new sending-receiving agreement with Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional High School whereby the Maywood students would attend Henry P. Becton Regional School if the Commissioner grants Maywood's petition to terminate Hackensack and Maywood's send/receive relationship.

Termination of the send/receive relationship is subject to final approval by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education. The record before the Commissioner shall remain open for a period of twenty calendar (20) days from the date of this announcement (November 25, 2019) in order that interested persons or entities may submit written comments to the Commissioner. Comments shall not exceed ten (10) pages in length, shall be served on all parties to the case pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:3-1.2 and 1.3, shall include proof of such service when filed with the Commissioner, and shall specifically address the statutory standard for the Commissioner's review of applications for change in designation, allocation, or apportionment. Specifically, comments shall address the question of whether educating Maywood pupils in Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional High School will result in a substantial negative impact on the students in either the Hackensack or Maywood school districts in one or more of the following areas: educational and financial implications; quality of education received by students; and racial composition of the student populations. Comments shall be served upon the Commissioner of Education at the following address:

Dr. Lamont O. Repollet,
Commissioner of Education
c/o Samantha Skabla-Price,
Director Bureau of Controversies and Disputes
New Jersey Department of Education
PO Box 500 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500

Copies of any comments submitted to the Commissioner shall also be served upon the respective Boards of Education by providing copies to their counsel at the following addresses:

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See Interpretative Statement for further clarification.