

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Board of Education of the Township of Mine Hill v. Board of Education of the Township of Dover*; Agency Dkt. No. 60-3/17; OAL Dkt. No. EDU 0542-17, Comm. Dec. 27-18

The Mine Hill and Dover Boards of Education have reached a settlement of the above-referenced matter by which they propose to modify their send/receive relationship such that Mine Hill's seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) and eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade pupils will attend the Canfield Avenue School in Mine Hill, rather than the Dover Middle School, commencing in the 2018-19 school year. Mine Hill students will continue attending high school in Dover. This settlement between the two boards of education is subject to final approval by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

The record before the Commissioner shall remain open for a period of 20 days from the date of this announcement 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 Mine Hill's seventh and eighth grade pupils in Mine Hill will result in a substantial negative impact in either of the affected 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  
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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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