



# New Jersey Policy Institute

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## **NJPI Testifies to Assembly Budget Committee: Expand Interdistrict Public School Choice**

TRENTON—Wells Winegar, Executive Director of the NJ Policy Institute (NJPI), today testified before the New Jersey Assembly Budget Committee, calling for the expansion of the state’s highly successful Interdistrict Public School Choice Program.

“Today, I urge the committee to prioritize the expansion of New Jersey’s Interdistrict Public School Choice Program—a program that allows public school students to attend public schools in other districts that better meet their educational needs. This program provides students and parents with greater access to high-quality educational options, whether through stronger academic programs, specialized courses, or simply a better learning environment.”

Winegar continued:

“Beyond the immediate benefits, expanding school choice is a proactive, common-sense step as New Jersey faces broader education challenges. The *Latino Action Network v. New Jersey* lawsuit underscores the growing concern over educational access and equity in our state. Rather than waiting for a court ruling to force changes, the Legislature has an opportunity to act now—empowering families with more choices and ensuring a stronger public education system for all.”

“New Jersey must act now to ensure that all students—regardless of race, income, or geography—have access to the quality education they deserve. Investing in the Interdistrict School Choice Program is an investment in student success, economic mobility, and a stronger future for our state.”

Read NJPI’s full testimony [here](#).

