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NJ POLICY INSTITUTE FILES AMICUS BRIEF IN SCHOOL SEGRATION LAWSUIT

Winegar: “School Choice is a Ready-Made Solution to Diversify School Districts”

TRENTON -- The New Jersey Policy Institute (“NJPI”) today filed an amicus brief in the on-going segregation lawsuit initiated by the Latino Action Network and the NAACP against the state of New Jersey. NJPI is a non-profit organization dedicated to working with New Jersey’s public and private sector leaders to find practical and effective solutions to the largest issues affecting the Garden State and its residents.

According to the amicus brief filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division, NJPI provided research and analytical policy support to amicus curiae New Jersey Interdistrict Public School Choice Association. It is NJPI’s hope that the information it provides to the Court and the parties will permit them to continue exploring an expansion of New Jersey’s Interdistrict School Choice Program as a remedy to alleviate the Plaintiff’s alleged school segregation.¹

“School choice is an existing, successful program currently subject to a state freeze. The infrastructure already is in place, and there is significant interest among parents and students to expand the program, evidenced by a waiting list containing over 1,000 students,” said Wells Winegar, Executive Director of NJPI. “Interdistrict School Choice is a ready-made solution that can be implemented as remedy almost immediately. It is cost-effective, voluntary, and will produce no significant additional administrative burden for the State.”

Last month, attorneys for the plaintiffs’ filed a motion with the state’s Appellate Division, requesting it to hear the case.

NJPI’s amicus brief, filed by Patricia C. Morgan, Esq. of Porzio, Bromberg, & Newman, P.C., is attached.

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¹ NJPI takes no position regarding the Plaintiff’s alleged de facto segregation and takes no position regarding the parties’ motions for summary judgment or the underlying merits of this matter, generally. Rather, the amicus submission is limited only to utilizing the Interdistrict School Choice Program as a remedy should the Court

