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## Murphy team trying to 'stall' on NJ school segregation resolution, plaintiffs argue

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The Murphy administration is using delay tactics in a seven-year-old school segregation lawsuit and stalling its resolution, a group of plaintiffs allege in their latest court filing — potentially upping the ante in a dispute that so far had not strayed from purely legal arguments.

At the heart of the lawsuit are the state's home rule laws, which have children attend school according to their ZIP code.

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Various groups have jumped into the fray and filed amicus briefs as the case has made its way through the courts. The latest to ask the courts for permission to join the lawsuit is New Jersey Policy Institute, a conservative-leaning nonprofit led by Wells Winegar, a former official in the administration of Gov. Chris Christie. The Murphy administration has filed to block it.

The group has asked the courts for permission to join the case and promote the state's Interdistrict Public School Choice programs as a potential solution. The little-known choice program has 119 participating districts.

Parents can apply for their children, residing anywhere in the state, to attend school in those districts. Winegar asked for additional funding in the state's 2026 fiscal year budget for the choice program in budget testimony in March, citing long waiting lists in some districts.

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