



New Jersey Policy Institute



Marathon school segregation case goes to appeals court

The state had sought to keep the case in trial court

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A state appellate court judge agreed to take up a school segregation case in which a group of families and advocates sued the state for failing to address long-standing racial and socioeconomic segregation in New Jersey public schools.

This will bring the case, which dates to 2018, closer to a resolution. The advocates and families who sued asked the appeals court to hear the case with hopes a judge will find the state liable for allowing widespread racial segregation in the public schools. The state wanted the case to stay in trial court, where it remained after the sides failed to reach a settlement during mediated talks.

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The court also agreed to allow the New Jersey Policy Institute to participate as a “friend of the court” and advise on the case. The institute asked to join the case to provide information on why an expansion of the Interdistrict School Choice Program is “the best remedy to diversify schools.”

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