

NJ POLICY INSTITUTE AMICUS BRIEF ACCEPTED BY APPELLATE COURT IN SCHOOL SEGREGATION LAWSUIT

Winegar: "School Choice is a Ready-Made Solution that can be implemented as an Immediate Remedy"

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Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Policy Institute (NJPI) proudly announced that the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division has officially accepted its amicus curiae brief in the Latino Action Network v. State of New Jersey school segregation case.

Filed on May 29, 2025, under the Appellate Division docket, the brief outlines a data-driven roadmap for expanding the state's Interdistrict Public School Choice Program (Choice Program) as a feasible and cost-effective remedy if the Court makes a determination regarding de facto segregation. NJPI highlights in its brief to the Court that the program is operational, backed by existing infrastructure, and has overwhelming community demand—illustrated by a current waitlist of over 2,000 students.

"We're glad the Appellate Division has accepted our amicus brief in this critical case — which outlines how the Choice Program is a ready-made solution that can be implemented as a remedy almost immediately," said Wells Winegar, Executive Director of NJPI. "It is cost-effective, voluntary, and will produce no significant additional administrative burden for the State."

"By accepting NJPI's brief, the Appellate Division acknowledges that the public interest is served by considering NJPI's policy-based solution as a potential remedy," said Rosemary Becchi, President and Founder of NJPI.

About NJPI: The New Jersey Policy Institute is a 5O1(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to crafting research-based, equitable policy solutions to critical statewide challenges—including education, energy affordability, economic growth, and business competitiveness.



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