

**New Jersey Commissioner of Education**  
**Order on Emergent Relief**

S.M., on behalf of minor child, M.M.,

Petitioner,

v.

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District  
Board of Education, Mercer County,

Respondent.

The record of this emergent matter, the sound recording of the hearing held at the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and the recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) have been reviewed and considered.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the ALJ that petitioner has failed to demonstrate entitlement to emergent relief pursuant to the standards enunciated in *Crowe v. DeGioia*, 90 N.J. 126, 132-34 (1982), and codified at N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.6.

Accordingly, the recommended Order denying petitioner's application for emergent relief is adopted. This matter shall continue at the OAL with such proceedings as the parties and the ALJ deem necessary to bring it to closure.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: August 26, 2026  
Date of Mailing: August 26, 2026



**State of New Jersey**  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

**ORDER DENYING**  
**EMERGENT RELIEF**

OAL DKT. NO. EDU 10765-26

AGENCY DKT. NO. 282-07-26

**S.M. ON BEHALF OF M.M.,**

Petitioner,

v.

**WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.,**

Respondent.

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**S.M.**, petitioner, pro se

**Eric Harrison**, Esq. for respondent (Methfessel & Werbrel, P.C., attorneys)

Record Closed: July 14, 2026

Decided: July 15, 2026

BEFORE **JUDITH LIEBERMAN**, ALJ:

**THIS CASE** was brought before the Office of Administrative Law by petitioner upon an application for emergent relief filed with the Office of Administrative Law on July 7, 2026. Papers were submitted in support of and in opposition to the application and oral argument was heard on July 14, 2026. Having considered the papers submitted in support of and in opposition to the application, and having considered the arguments of pro se parent and counsel at oral argument, and for good cause having been shown,

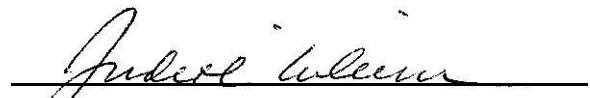
**IT IS** on this 15th day of July 2026,

**ORDERED** that the application for emergent relief is **DENIED** for the reasons stated on the record on July 14, 2026.

This order on application for emergency relief may be adopted, modified or rejected by **COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, who by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. The final decision shall be issued without undue delay, but no later than forty-five days following the entry of this order. If Commissioner of the Department of Education does not adopt, modify or reject this order within forty-five days, this recommended order shall become a final decision on the issue of emergent relief in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

July 15, 2026

DATE

  
**JUDITH LIEBERMAN**, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

July 15, 2026

Date Sent to Parties:

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**APPENDIX**

**Witnesses**

For Petitioner:

S.M.

For Respondent:

None

**Exhibits**

For Petitioner:

Petitioner's application for emergent relief with attachments<sup>1</sup>

P-1 April 16, 2025, Superior Court Order

P-2 April 16, 2025, Superior Court Order

P-3 June 13, 2025, Superior Court Order

P-4 October 17, 2025, Superior Court Order

P-5 November 5, 2025, Superior Court Order

P-6 June 5 2026, Superior Court Order

P-7 June 22, 2026, Superior Court Order

P-8 June 18, 2025, email to "Families" from Shannon Martin

P-9 April 23, 2025, email to S.M. from Martin

P-10 June 14, 2025, email from S.M. to Martin

P-11 Spreadsheet re contacts with school personnel

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<sup>1</sup> Specific emails that are included in the attachments are referred to as P-8, P-9 and P-10.

For Respondent:

Answer, July 10, 2026

Opposition brief, July 10, 2026

Certification of Ms. Jessica Cincotta, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services and Planning

R-A Emails between S.M. and Shannon Martin

R-B Log of S.M.'s use of Genesis portal