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Updated Petition of Appeal Forms

This broadcast serves as a reminder of the resources available at the New Jersey Department of Education's [Office of Controversies and Disputes](#) webpage, including updated downloadable petition of appeal forms.

The Office of Controversies and Disputes processes disputes in which one party alleges that another has violated state school laws or rules of the State Board of Education and seeks a legal decision from the Commissioner of Education. Common case types include disputes regarding student discipline, student residency, and harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB). Special education disputes and school ethics complaints are **not** handled through the Office of Controversies and Disputes.

In order to initiate a contested case before the Commissioner of Education, a petitioner must submit a signed petition of appeal form to ControversiesDisputesFilings@doe.nj.gov pursuant to the rules found at [N.J.A.C. 6A:3](#).

The forms available for download include the [Pro Se Petition of Appeal](#) to be utilized for the majority of case types, and the [Pro Se Residency Appeal](#) to be utilized in matters involving student residency.

For detailed instructions and additional information about the appeal process, interested parties may visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage.

Please direct any questions to ControversiesDisputes@doe.nj.gov.

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