

## **Public Notice**

### **Education**

#### **State Board of Education**

#### **Notice of Receipt and Action on Petition for Rulemaking**

#### **School Dress Code**

Petitioner: J.F., a public school student.

**Take notice** that on March 28, 2025, the New Jersey State Board of Education (State Board) received a petition for rulemaking from the petitioner requesting that the State Board repeal “[n]ot allowing hoodies on in school.”

N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.1(b) and 6A:6-4.1(b) require a petition for rulemaking to include the substance or nature of the rulemaking that is requested, the reasons for the request and the petitioner's interest in the request, and references to the agency's authority to take the requested action.

As to the substance or nature of the request, the petitioner stated that the petitioner's school does not allow students to pull the hoods on clothing over their heads for safety reasons. The petitioner stated that the prohibition does not work and there are cameras throughout the school, security guards, and a nearby police station.

The petitioner stated the reason for the request and the petitioner's interest in it is that the petitioner and many others would like to be able to cover their heads with the hood on their clothing on because it is comfortable and poses no harm. The petitioner also stated that the petitioner often would like to wear the hood up to cover the petitioner's hair so it cannot be seen, but the petitioner has been written up for doing so.

The petitioner did not provide the State Board's authority to take the requested action. Therefore, the petition failed to comply with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.1(b) and 6A:6-4.1(b).

Title 6A of the New Jersey Administrative Code does not include a rule that prohibits students from covering their heads with hooded clothing items. Furthermore, N.J.S.A. 18A:11.7 and 11.8 allow district boards of education to adopt school dress codes.

For all of the above-mentioned reasons, after due consideration pursuant to law, the petitioner's request is hereby denied.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, a copy of this petition will be mailed to the petitioner.