

School Ethics Commission

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From: schoolethics@doe.state.nj.us

Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 3:03 PM

To: Doe, John Cc: School Ethics

Subject: School Ethics Commission - New Jersey Department of Education



John Doe District/Charter: WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Please do not delete this email.

Your District or Charter School has identified that you are a School Official who must file the Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. of the School Ethics Act.

Please find below your unique authorization code which must be used to submit your School Ethics Commission Personal /Relative & Financial Disclosure Statements.

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- 1. Please do not share this information.
- Copy the identification code from this email, and paste it into the authorization box of the Personal/Relative & Financial Disclosure Forms online link: https://education.state.nj.us/secp2/
- Read all instructions before completing the disclosure statements.
- 4. Carefully complete all of the requirements of the disclosure statements, certify and submit.

TIME FOR FILING: Personal/Relative & Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by every school official, which includes board members and certain administrators, by April 30 each calendar year. New board members or new school administrators must file within 30 days of assuming office or position. Failure to file a statement by the deadline may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including removal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25.

If you are uncertain why you have received this email or if you believe that you have received this email in error, please contact your board secretary/school business administrator for more information.

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Each official will receive an individual email from the School Ethics Commission. The official must click on the blue link to the School Ethics Commission's online application to access the Disclosure Statement.



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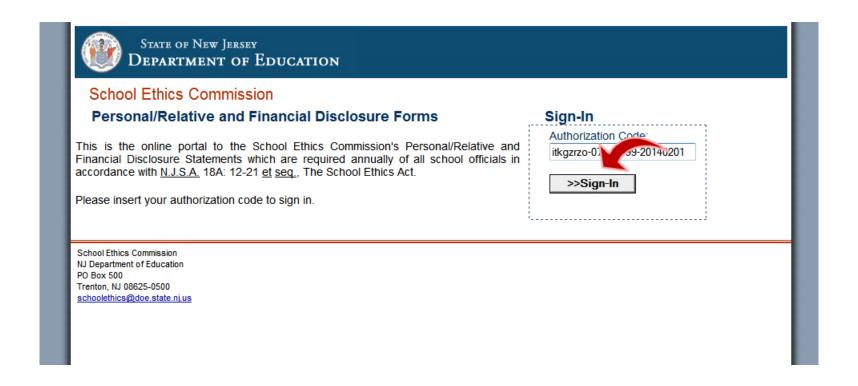
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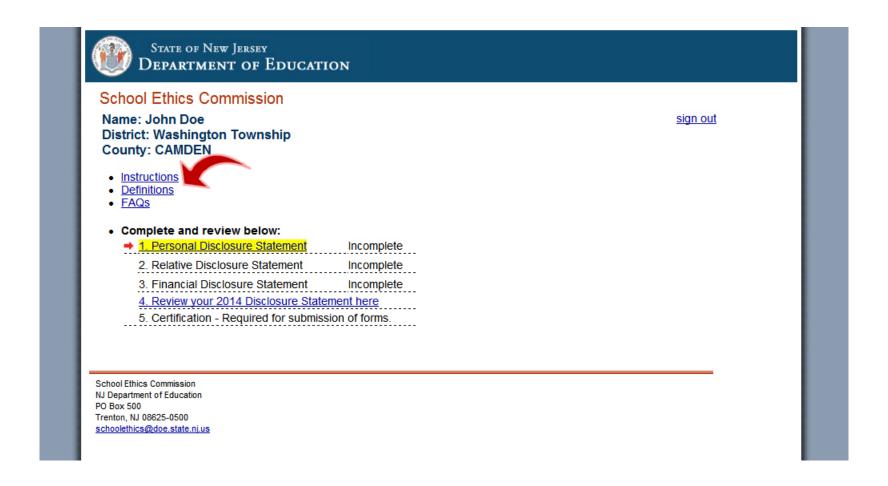
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The official must sign-in to begin the Disclosure Statements by clicking the sign-in button. The authorization code should already be included.



The Application will open to the main page. The main page includes links to instructions, definitions, and frequently asked questions (FAQs).



The Instructions can be found by clicking on the "Instructions" link on the main page shown on the previous slide.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS - 2014

Requirements concerning the filing of this form are found in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

School Officials, who are required to complete annual Disclosure Statements as defined in the <u>definitions</u>, must complete online **all** of the **PERSONAL**, **RELATIVE and FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**. Please read all instructions and <u>definitions</u> completely before providing the requested information in the online Disclosure Statements.

- <u>Timeline for filing:</u> The School Ethics Act states that School Officials must annually file the Personal/Relative
 Disclosure Statement and the Financial Disclosure Statement by **April 30**. However, all newly-elected and
 newly appointed/hired School Officials, new to their position, must file within 30 days of assuming office or
 position. Failure to file a statement by the deadline may subject the School Official to disciplinary action up to
 and including removal pursuant to N.J. S. A. 18A:12-25.
- Complete all sections: No section of the Disclosure Statements may remain blank.
 - The Personal/Relative Disclosure Statement includes information on the school official and relatives.
 - "Relative" means the spouse, natural or adopted child, parent or sibling of a school official.
 - The Financial Disclosure Statement, Section 3, Item 1, requires the official to report all income sources in the preceding 2013 calendar year in excess of \$2,000 for any member of the immediate family.
 - "Income" for purposes of these rules shall be as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, except as otherwise provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26(a)(1) and also include loans that are not from lending institutions or family members.
 - "Member of immediate family" means the spouse or dependent child of a school official residing in the same household.
 - "Spouse" means the person to whom the school official is legally married under New Jersey law and also includes a partner in a civil union couple as established in N.J.S.A. 37:1-33.
- For further review of the definitions and sources of income, please read the "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Filing Disclosure Statements" at http://www.state.nj.us/education/ethics/fds/faq.htm.
- <u>Certification:</u> Your online certification shall constitute your representation of the accuracy of the statements and of your understanding that the online disclosure statements contain no willful misstatement or omission of material fact and constitute a full disclosure with respect to all matters required by <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-21 <u>et seq.</u> Once completed, the online forms will be reviewed by the Board Secretary or the Charter School Designee who will transmit the forms to the Office of the Executive County Superintendent for review. Once accepted by the Executive the forms will remain online available for reference by the Board Secretary or Charter School Designee, the Executive County Office and the School Ethics Commission for public review and periodic audits.

The Definitions can be found by clicking on the "Definitions" link on the main page.

DEFINITIONS - 2014

Requirements concerning the filing of this form are found in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seg.

"Administrator" means any officer, other than a board member, or employee of a local school district or charter school district who:

- (i) holds a position which requires a certificate that authorizes the holder to serve as a school administrator, principal, or school business administrator, or
- (ii) holds a position which does not require that the person hold any type of certificate, but is responsible for making recommendations regarding hiring or the purchase or acquisition of any property or services by the local school district; or
- (iii) holds a position which requires a certificate that authorizes the holder to serve as a supervisor and who is responsible for making recommendations regarding hiring or the purchase or acquisition of any property or services by the local school district;

"Board Member" means any person holding membership whether by election or appointment on any board of education other than the State Board of Education.

"Board of Trustees" means the public agent authorized by the State Board of Education to supervise and control a charter school

"Business" means any corporation, partnership, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, trust, sole proprietorship, union, political organization, or other legal entity, but shall not include a local school district or any other public entity.

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"Interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10 % of the profits, assets, or stock of a business, but shall not include the control of assets in a labor union.

"Local School District" means any local or regional school district established pursuant to Chapter 8 or Chapter 13 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and any jointure commission, county vocational school, county special services district, education services commission, educational research and demonstration center, environmental education center, and educational information and resource center.

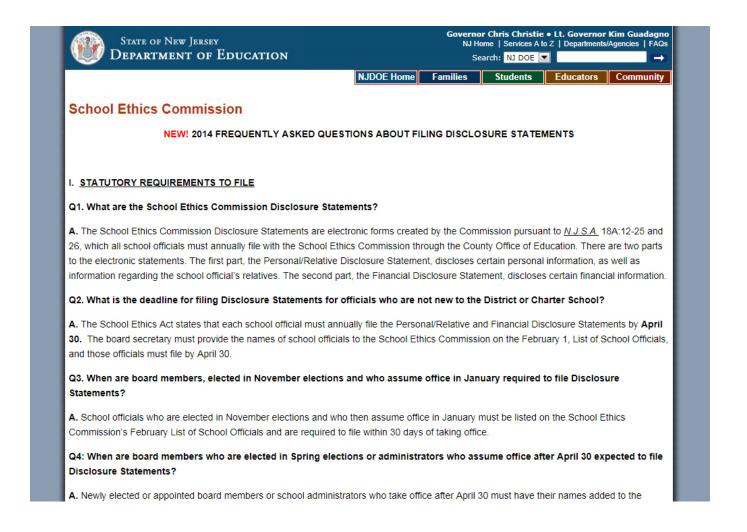
"Member of Immediate family" means the spouse or dependent child of a school official residing in the same household.

"Relative" means the spouse, natural or adopted child, parent or sibling of a school official.

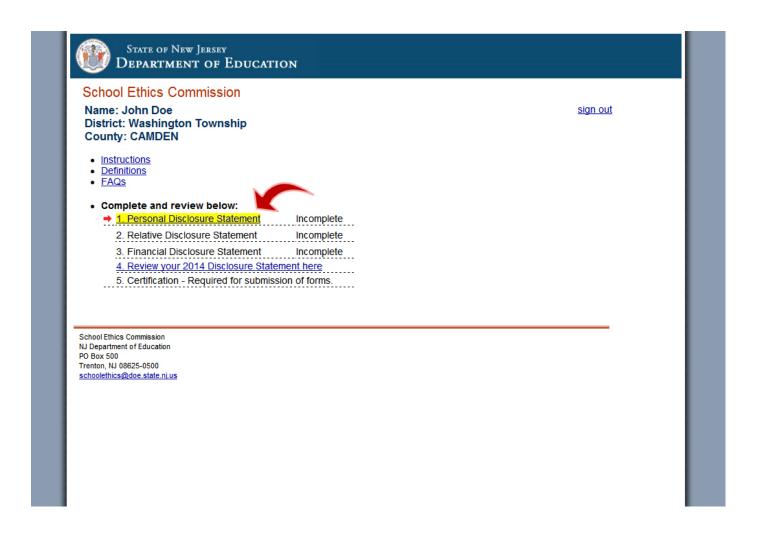
"School Official" means a board member, a member of the board of trustees of a charter school, an administrator of a local school board or charter school or an employee or officer of the New Jersey School Boards Association, but not including any member of the secretarial, clerical or maintenance of the Association.

"Spouse" means the person to whom the school official is legally married under New Jersey law and also includes a partner in a civil union couple as established in N.J.S.A. 37:1-33.

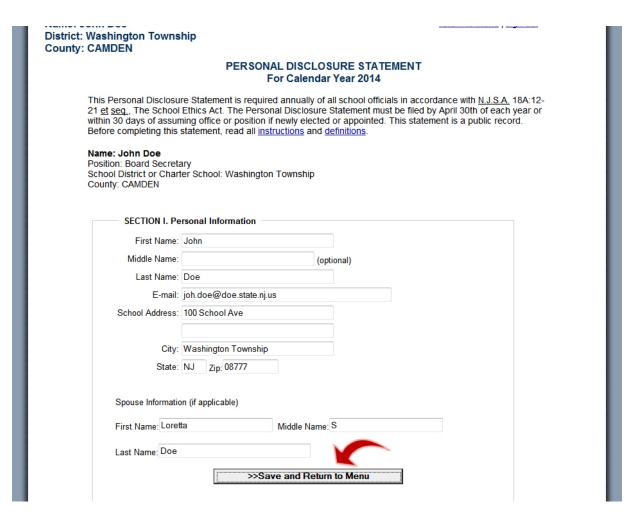
Detailed information about Disclosure Statements can be found by clicking on the *FAQ*s link found on the main page.



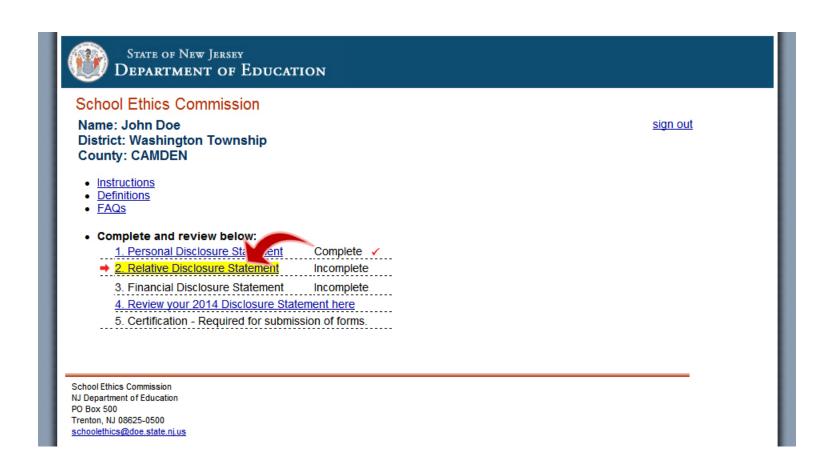
The Instructions on the main page will lead the official through the requirements of the Disclosure Statements. The highlighted section indicates where the official must click.



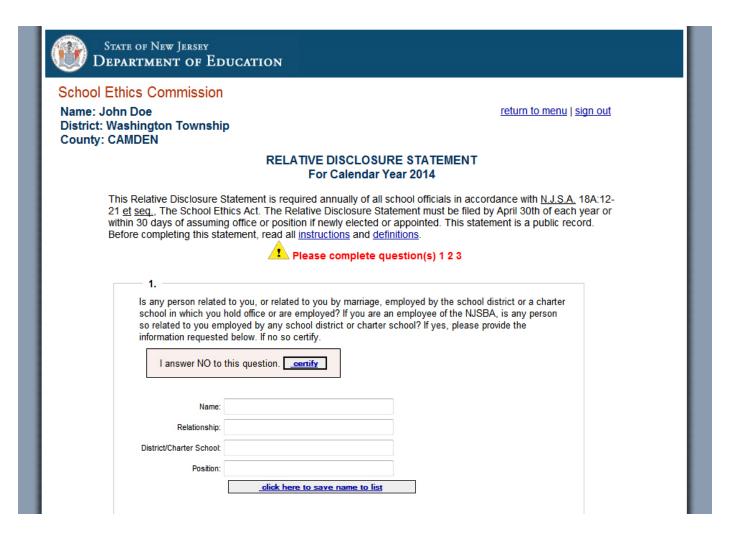
The official must complete the Personal Disclosure Statement that requests the school address and information about the spouse/domestic partner if applicable.



The main page highlights instructions for the official to complete the Relative Disclosure Statement.



The official must complete the Relative Disclosure section that requests information about relatives. "Relative" is defined as the spouse, natural or adopted child, parent or sibling of a school official.



The second question pertains to the Relative Disclosure Statement.

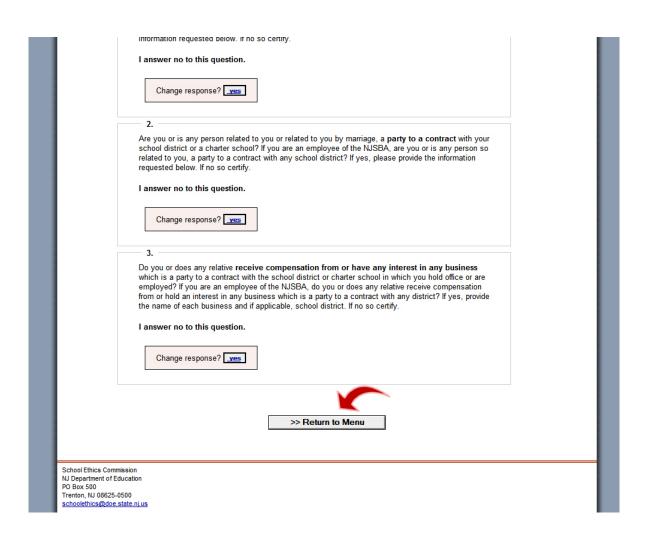
2. Are you or is any person related to you or related to you by marriage, a **party to a contract** with your school district or charter school? If you are an employee of the NJSBA, are you or is any person so related to you, a party to a contract with any school district? If yes, please provide the information requested below. If no so certify.

I answer NO to t	his question. <u>certify</u>		
Name:			
Relationship:			
District/Charter School:			
Nature of Contract:			
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The third and final question, pertaining to the Relative Disclosure Statement, asks whether the official has a relative who has a relationship or receives compensation from the district or charter where the official serves.

Do you or does any relative receive compensation from or have any interest in any usiness which is a party to a contract with the school district or charter school in which you old office or are employed? If you are an employee of the NJSBA, do you or does any relative ceive compensation from or hold an interest in any business which is a party to a contract with my district? If yes, provide the name of each business and if applicable, school district. If no so extify.	
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Business:	
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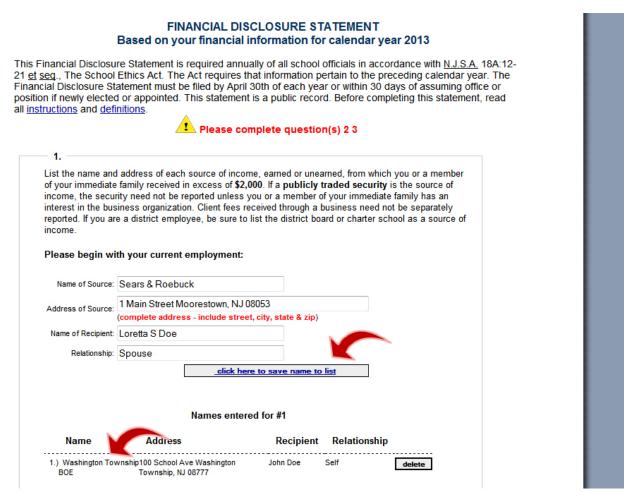
After the official answers all of the questions the official must move forward by clicking "Return to Menu."



The main page highlights instructions for the official to complete the Financial Disclosure Statement.



This is the Financial Disclosure Statement. All questions for the Financial Disclosure Statement are based on your financial information for calendar year 2019. In this section the official must list the name and address of each source of income, earned or unearned, for 2019 from which you or a member of your immediate family received in excess of \$2,000. "Member of immediate family" is defined as the spouse or dependent child of a school official residing in the same household.



This is question two pertaining to the Financial Disclosure Statement.

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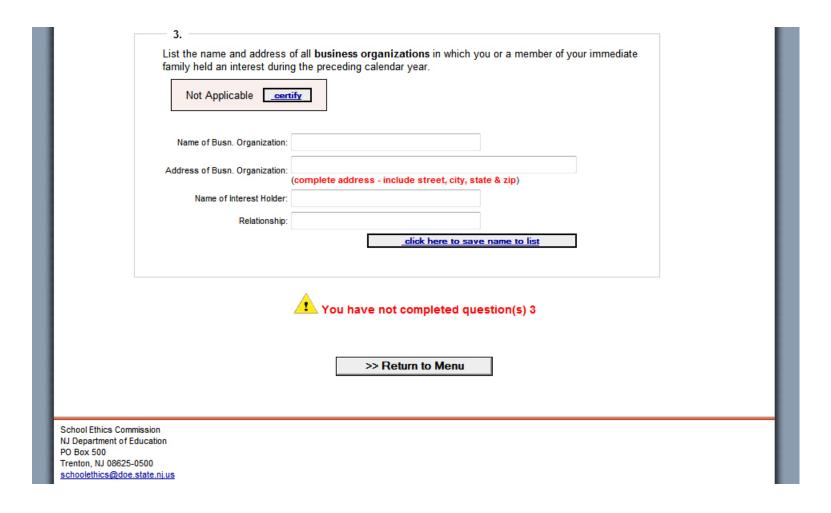
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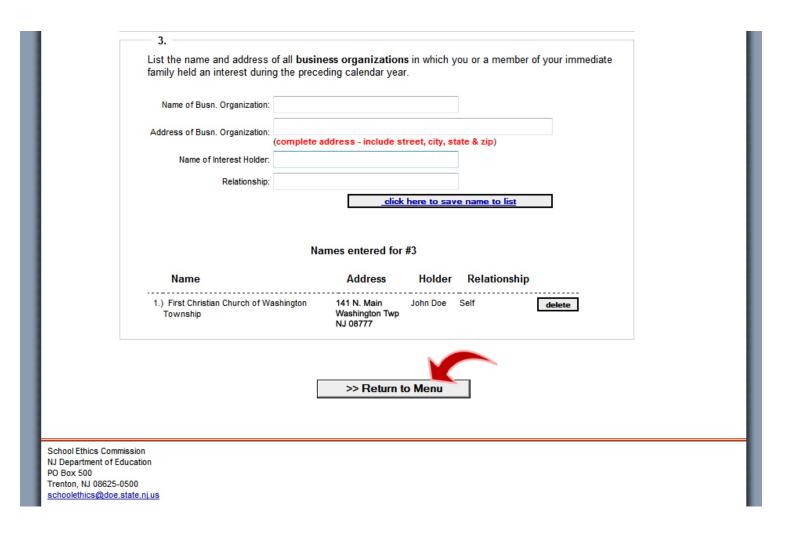
Name of Recipient:

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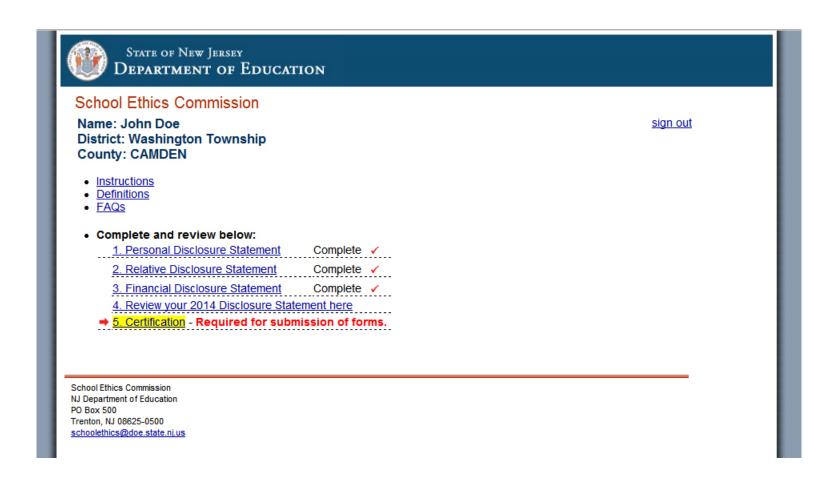
This is the third and final question pertaining to the Financial Disclosure Statement. School officials must list the name and address of each business organization in which the official or a member of the official's immediate family held an interest. This includes unpaid/volunteer relationships.



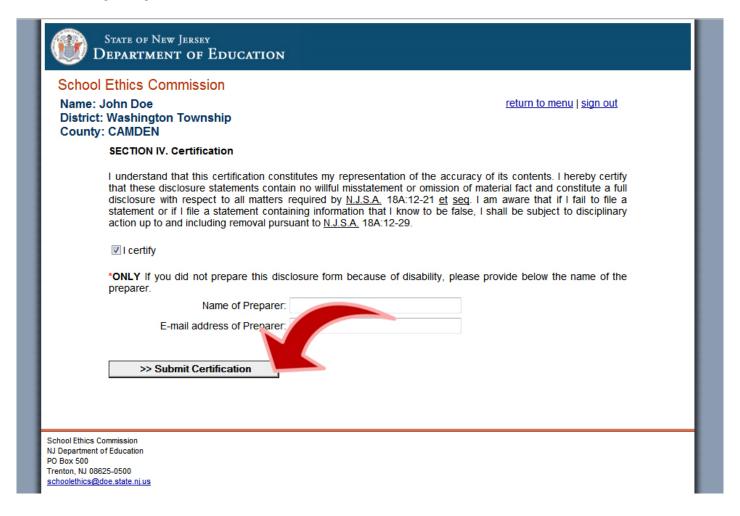
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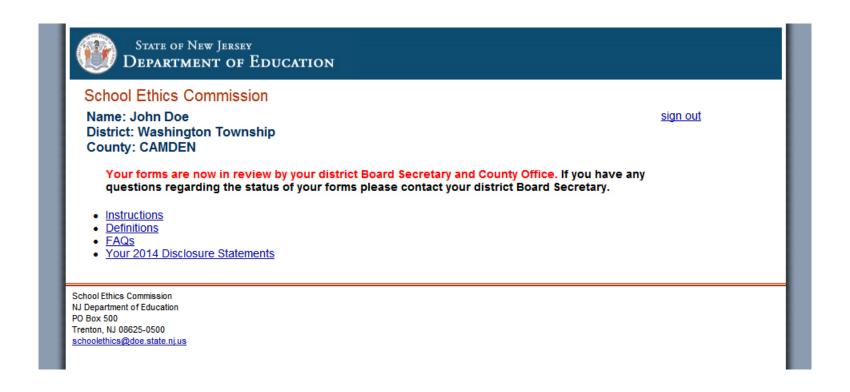
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The official will receive immediate confirmation that the Disclosure Statements are in review by the Board Secretary and County Office.



To protect the Disclosure Statements click the "sign-out" link. The Disclosure Statements must be approved by the Board Secretary and the County Office of Education. For information about the status of the Disclosure Statements, the official should make an inquiry to the Board Secretary.



The Disclosure Statements will be reviewed by the Board Secretary and the County Office of Education. If a Disclosure Statement is returned for correction, the official will receive an email allowing for correction of the Disclosure Statements.

Doe, John

From: schoolethics@doe.state.nj.us

Sent: schoolethics@doe.state.nj.us

Friday, December 06, 2013 2:19 PM

To: Doe, John

Subject: School Disclosure Forms Returned for Correction

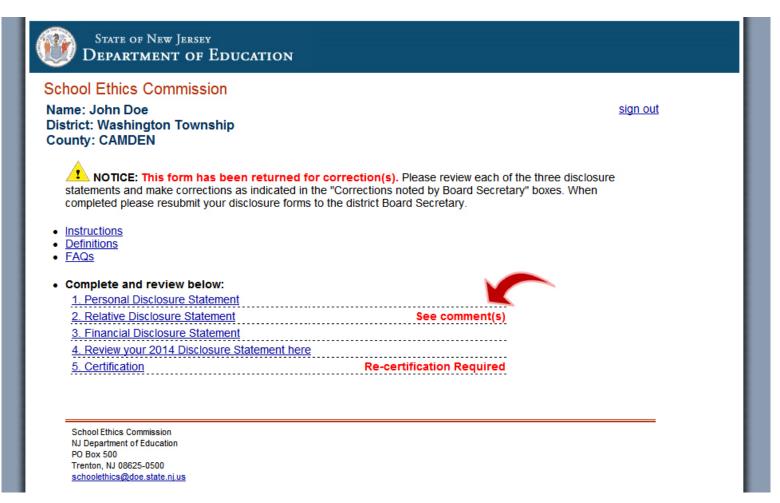
John Doe:

Please be advised that your disclosure forms are being returned to you from your board secretary/charter school designee for correction. Please sign in to the link below using your authorization code and make the corrections noted in the documents. Upon completion, please recertify and submit your disclosure forms for review. Thank you for your prompt attention.

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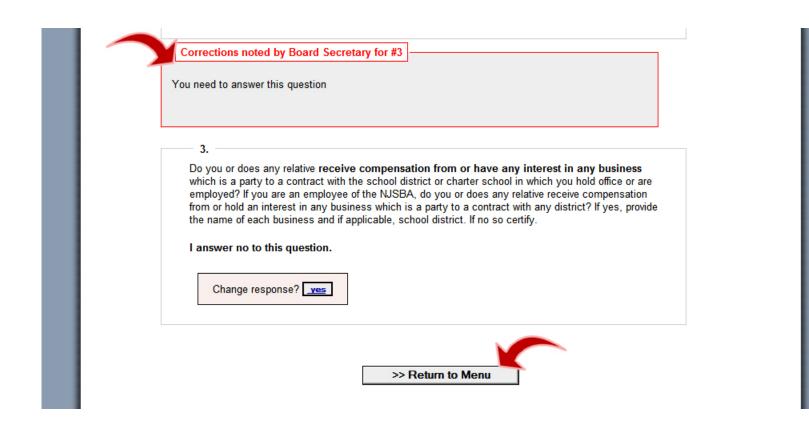
Please copy and paste your authorization code into the login site: https://education.state.nj.us/secp2/

School Ethics Commission 100 Riverview Plaza P.O. Box 500 Trenton, NJ 08625 The new email will ask for correction. When the official signs in to the Disclosure Statements, the areas that require correction will be identified in red. The official must return to any area requiring correction. The official must re-certify to submit corrected Disclosure Statements.



Below is an example of an area identified as requiring correction.

Once the question is corrected, the official must click on "Return to Menu."



The official must re-certify the Disclosure Statements.



School Ethics Commission

Name: John Doe

District: Washington Township

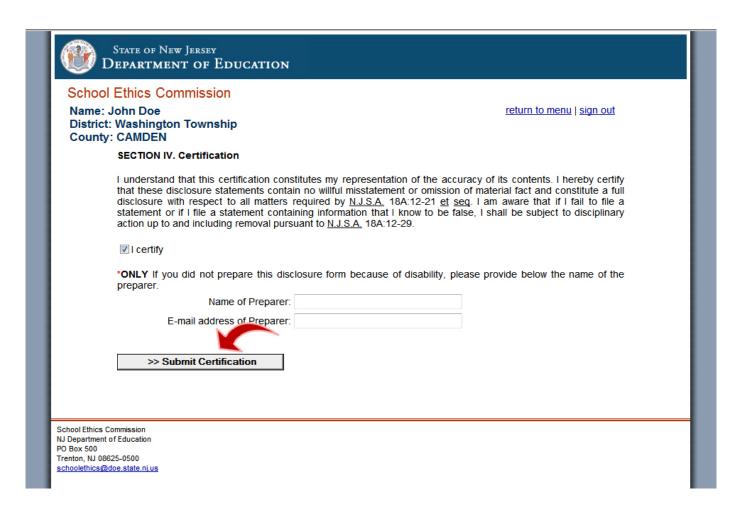
County: CAMDEN

NOTICE: This form has been returned for correction(s). Please review each of the three disclosure statements and make corrections as indicated in the "Corrections noted by Board Secretary" boxes. When completed please resubmit your disclosure forms to the district Board Secretary.

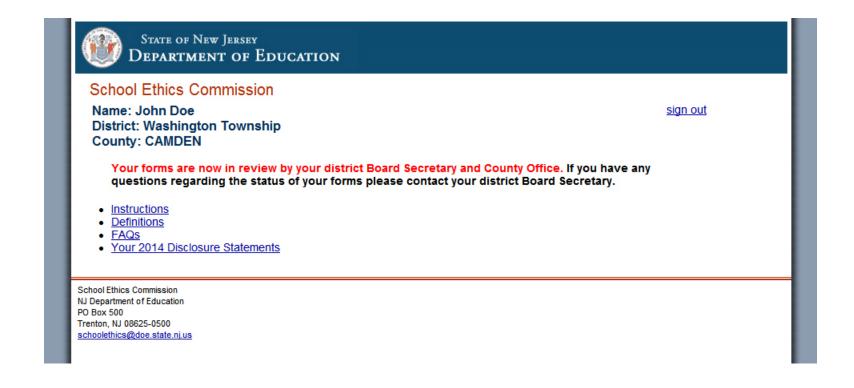
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- Instructions
- Definitions
- FAQs
- Complete and review below:
 - 1. Personal Disclosure Statement
 - 2. Relative Disclosure Statement See comment(s
 - 3. Financial Disclosure Statement
 - 4. Review your 2014 Disclosure Statement here
 - 5. Certification Required

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The Disclosure Statements will now again be in review by the Board Secretary and the County Office. For information about the status of the Disclosure Statements, the official should contact the Board Secretary.



To finalize the Disclosure Statements click the button "return to sign in page."

