

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

N.J., on behalf of minor children, A.J., S.J., S.J., and  
K.J.,

Petitioner,

v.

Board of Education of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood  
Regional School District, Union 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 for the reasons stated on the record by the ALJ. 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: November 7, 2025  
Date of Mailing: November 10, 2025



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

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

OAL DKT. NO. EDU 16972-25

AGENCY DKT. NO. 312-9/25

**S.J. O/B/O A.J., S.J., S.J. & K.J.**

Petitioners,

v.

**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNION COUNTY**

Respondent.

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**Joel Seltzer**, Esq. for petitioner (Law Office of Joel Seltzer, attorney)

**Douglas M. Silvestro**, Esq., for respondent (Busch Law Group, attorneys)

Record Closed: October 14, 2025

Decided: October 14, 2025

BEFORE, **NANCI G. STOKES**, ALJ:

**THIS MATTER** was brought before this tribunal by petitioner upon application for emergent relief. Papers were submitted in support of and in opposition to the application. Having considered the papers submitted in support of and in opposition to the application, and having considered the arguments of counsel at oral argument, and for good cause having been shown;

**IT IS** on this 14th day of October 2025,

**ORDERED** that the application for emergent relief is **DENIED** for the reasons stated on the record.

This order on application for emergency relief may be adopted, modified, or rejected by the **COMMISSIONER 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 the Commissioner 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.

October 14, 2025



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**NANCI G. STOKES, ALJ**

Date Received at Agency:

October 15, 2025

Date Sent to Parties:

October 15, 2025

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Attachment, Recording