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OAL Dkt. No. EDU 10011-26  
Agency Dkt. No. 262-06-26

**New Jersey Commissioner of Education**  
**Final Decision**

N.C., on behalf of minor child, G.C.,

Petitioner,

v.

Manchester Township Board of Education, Ocean  
County,


Respondent.

The record of this emergent matter and the recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), as given on the record at the conclusion of the oral argument, 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 decision 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: June 23, 2026  
Date of Mailing: June 23, 2026



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

**ORDER ON**  
**EMERGENT RELIEF**

OAL DKT. NO. EDU 10011-2026

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**N.C. ON BEHALF OF G.C.,**

Petitioner,

v.

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION,**

Respondent.

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**N.C.**, petitioner, pro se

**Patrick F. Varga**, Esq., for respondent (Dasti, McGuckin, McNichols, Connors,  
Anthony & Buckley, attorneys)

Record Closed: June 23, 2026

Decided: June 23, 2026

BEFORE **ALLISON FRIEDMAN**, ALJ:

**THIS CASE** has been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by petitioners upon an application for emergent relief filed with the Office of Administrative Law on June 23, 2026. Documents were submitted in support of and in opposition to the application. Having considered the documents submitted in support of and in opposition to the application and having considered the arguments of pro se parents and counsel at

oral argument, and for good cause having been shown. Since this order resolves all issues pertaining to this petition no further action is necessary.


**IT IS** on the 23rd day of June 2026,

**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 **ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, who by law is authorized to make a final decision on 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 **ACTING 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.

June 23, 2026

DATE

  
ALLISON FRIEDMAN, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

June 23, 2026

Date Sent to Parties:

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**APPENDIX**

**Witnesses**

**For Petitioner:**

None

**For Respondent:**

None

**Exhibits**

**For Petitioner:**

Petitioners application for emergent relief

P-1 Email to N.C. from Diane Pedroza, dated Monday June 22, 2026.

P-2 Email to N.C. from Diane Pedroza, Superintendent, dated June 19, 2026.

P-3 Screen Shot of Graduation Regalia, dated June 18, 2026.

P-4 Email from N.C. to Superintendent Pedroza, dated June 22, 2026.

P-5 Email from N.C. to Superintendent Pedroza, dated June 19, 2026.

P-6 Screen Shot of Text Message from Desilva to M.C.

P-7 Screen Shot of email from MC to Superintendent Pedroza, dated June 20, 2026, and her response, dated June 21, 2026

P-8 Email from N.C. to the Board of Education, dated June 22, 2026.

**For Respondent:**

Opposition papers

Certification of Ms. Georgianna Petillo, Director of Special Education

R-1 Certification of Chirstopher Hoffman, Vice Principal Manchester Township

R-2 Certification of Alex George, Principal Manchester Township High School

R-3 Certification of Diane Pedroza, Superintendent of Schools for Manchester Township School District

R-4 Manchester Township Board of Education Policy 5600