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OAL Dkt. No. EDU 04471-22
Agency Dkt. No. 135-5/22

New Jersey Commissioner of Education
Final Decision

A.K., on behalf of minor child, E.H.,

Petitioner,

v.

Board of Education of the City of Jersey City,
Hudson County,

Respondent.

The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) have been reviewed and considered. The parties did not file exceptions.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the Administrative Law Judge that this matter is moot because no issues remain to be addressed following the resolution of petitioner's motion for emergent relief.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is adopted as the final decision in this matter, and the petition of appeal is hereby dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹



COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: August 6, 2026
Date of Mailing: August 6, 2026

¹ This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1*. Under *N.J.Ct.R. 2:4-1(b)*, a notice of appeal must be filed with the Appellate Division within 45 days from the date of mailing of this decision.



State of New Jersey
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION

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v.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF
JERSEY CITY, HUDSON COUNTY,**

Respondent.

A.K. petitioner appearing pro se

Cherie L. Adams, Esq., and **Adam Herman**, Esq. for respondent (Adams,
Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman, LLC)

BEFORE **ANDREW M. BARON**, ALJ:

Record Closed: June 16, 2022

Decided: July 16, 2026

Petitioner, A.K. challenged the Jersey City Board of Education's (Board or respondent) decision to exclude her child E.H. from his middle school graduation ceremony. Petitioner filed a Motion for Emergent Relief to compel respondent to allow E.H. to walk in the graduation ceremony on June 21, 2022. The Board prohibited E.H. from participation in the ceremony due to an alleged assault against school personnel. The matter was filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as a contested matter May 31, 2022.

On June 9, 2022 and June 14, 2022, I conducted hearings and closed the record. An order denying petitioner's request for emergent relief was issued on June 16, 2022. Due to an administrative oversight and the move of my office, this file was not returned to the agency.

Accordingly, I **CONCLUDE** that this matter is moot. I **FURTHER CONCLUDE** that there are no underlying issues to be resolved. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this matter be and is hereby **DISMISSED**.

I hereby **FILE** this initial decision with the **COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified, or rejected by the **COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, who by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Commissioner of the Department of Education does not adopt, modify, or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

Within thirteen days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the **COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**. Exceptions may be filed by email to ControversiesDisputesFilings@doe.nj.gov or by mail to Office of Controversies

and Disputes, 100 Riverview Plaza, 4th Floor, PO Box 500, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500. A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.

July 16, 2026



DATE

ANDREW M. BARON, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

July 16, 2026

Date Mailed to Parties:

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DOCUMENTS RELIED ON

- Order on Emergent Relief, dated June 16, 2022