

# Hanover Township Regular Board Meeting

## September 26, 2023

### HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board, the Hanover Township Board of Education presents the following proposed resolution to be considered by the New Jersey School Board's Delegate Assembly at its December 2, 2023 Meeting:

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Whereas, NJSBA has identified Sample Policy 5020 as a mandatory policy that must be adopted by all Boards of Education; and

Whereas, Sample Policy 5020 presently requires parents/guardians "to keep school officials fully apprised of any changes in factors in the home situation which may affect pupil conduct or performance," but fails to include any analogous language requiring school staff to keep parents/guardians fully apprised of any changes in factors in the school situation which may adversely affect a child's overall health, safety and/well-being; and

Whereas, parents/guardians possess a firmly established 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment United States Constitutional Right to be kept fully apprised of changes in factors which may adversely affect a child's overall health, safety and/well-being;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, Sample Policy 5020 needs to be appropriately revised to ensure compliance with parents/guardians' substantive due process right guaranteed by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

The NJSBA believes in the Federal Constitutional Right of not denying parents their right to support their children's mental, physical, social and emotional health and well-being; therefore, in support of this belief;

Be It further resolved that this resolution, including Sample Policy 5020 to be renamed "*Role of Parents/Guardians and Parental Notification Requirements*" and revised as follows, be placed on the agenda for consideration at the December 2, 2023 Delegate Assembly.

**EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL  
MINUTE BOOK**

The Hanover Township Board of Education met at 6:32 p.m. September 26, 2023 in the Memorial Junior School Auditorium, 61 Highland Avenue, Whippany, New Jersey.

Present: Board Members:	Mrs. Gina Marie Winkler (arrived at 7:15) Mrs. Christine Egbert Mr. Marc Amoresano Mrs. Lisa Bomengo Mrs. Marcella Wilson Dr. Lynda Wright Mrs. Gina Johnston Mr. Gregory Skiff (arrived at 6:40)
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Superintendent	Mr. Michael J. Wasko
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky

Board Attorney	Mr. Matthew Giacobbe
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Absent Board Members:	Mr. Jeffrey Basile
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At said meeting the following resolution was adopted:

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**Roll Call:** Yes 8, No 0



Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky,  
School Business Administrator/Board  
Secretary

9/28/23

**Sample Policy**

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ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The board believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents/guardians and the school community. To ensure that the best interests of the child are always served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement in [district concerns encouraged] their children's education, health and well-being are mandated.

The board recognizes [the vital role of parents/guardians in] the Federal Constitutional Right that parents/guardians possess in regards to the health, welfare and education of their children and the pivotal part they play in shaping their children's character and values. Because parents/guardians are familiar with the needs, problems, gifts and abilities of their children, staff [should seek to] must involve parents/guardians [as much as possible] in the planning of the individual program. Parents/guardians must, by law, be included in the development of [certain] the educational programs for their children.

Parents/guardians are requested to keep the school apprised of changes in factors in the home situation which may adversely affect pupil conduct and/or performance. Parents/guardians are specifically requested to inform the school of any changes in legal custody of the child. Likewise, staff must keep parents/guardians apprised of any instance that may adversely impacts a child's health, safety and or well-being.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's overall health, well-being and safety and are further responsible for their child's punctuality, attendance, cleanliness and propriety of dress.

The chief school administrator shall develop procedures and regulations to implement this policy. These regulations shall include use of the parent/guardian's native language when necessary.

Date:

Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

Cross References: List your appropriate policies. See legal reference sheet for possibilities.

Key Words

Role of Parents/Guardians, Parents/Guardians