

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024 REGARDING  
THE MATTER OF IN RE: PETITION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A  
SENDING-RECEIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NORTH HUNTERDON-  
VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On or about February 14, 2023, the Bloomsbury Board of Education filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking to terminate its current sending-receiving for its high school students with the Phillipsburg Board of Education and enter into a new sending-receiving relationship with the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education to educate Bloomsbury's students in grades 9-12, and thereafter seek to become a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District through the regionalization process as provided by law. The Phillipsburg Board of Education does not oppose this petition and the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education supports this petition.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the termination of the existing sending-receiving agreement and the proposed new sending-receiving relationship between Bloomsbury and North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional. As such, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-6.1*, the record in this matter shall remain open for a period of 20 days in order to allow the public an opportunity to comment. This 20-day period shall begin to run on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

The public shall have 20 days from today to submit any written comments to the Commissioner of Education, at the following email address: [ControversiesDisputesFilings@doe.nj.gov](mailto:ControversiesDisputesFilings@doe.nj.gov). Should an individual not have access to email, comments can be submitted via regular mail to the following address: Commissioner, c/o Director, Office of Controversies and Disputes, New Jersey Department of Education, 100 Riverview Plaza, P.O Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500. Comments cannot exceed 10 pages in length. Pursuant to the regulation, the comments shall address the following question: Will the termination of the existing sending-receiving relationship and/or the proposed new sending-receiving relationship between Bloomsbury and North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional, whereby Bloomsbury students in grades 9-12 would attend North Hunterdon High School, result in a substantial negative impact on any of the affected districts in one or more of the following areas: financial implications; quality of education received by students; and racial composition of the student populations.

Any person or entity that submits comments to the Commissioner is required also to serve a copy at the same time upon Bloomsbury and Phillipsburg at the following addresses. Please note that both must be copied.

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Anyone filing comments with the Commissioner must include with his/her comments a signed statement showing proof of service in the following form if sent via electronic mail:

I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, which is the same date that I forwarded via electronic mail the comments included herein to the Commissioner of Education, I also sent via electronic mail copies of the comments to the legal counsel for the Board of Education of Bloomsbury and the Board of Education of Phillipsburg at the addresses stated in the notice regarding public comment.

Anyone filing comments with the Commissioner must include with his/her comments a signed statement showing proof of service in the following form if sent via regular mail:

I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, which is the same date that I mailed the comments included herein to the Commissioner of Education, I also mailed copies of the comments to the legal counsel for the Board of Education of Bloomsbury and the Board of Education of Phillipsburg at the addresses stated in the notice regarding public comment.

Once all comments are received, Bloomsbury and Phillipsburg will have 20 days to file any reply.