

1. **To end school segregation, the governor of New Jersey needs to first stop *expanding it*.** Over the past decade, dozens of majority white school districts have attempted to secede from majority black and brown districts across the state. The last Governor and the current Governor have approved some of these segregationist sessions *in clear violation of the state's constitution* (including Maywood from Hackensack and Merchantville from Pennsauken) and more are awaiting his approval or denial. The Governor and the Acting Commissioner of Education must make a commitment to obey the law and deny any further secessions, including Absecon withdrawing from Pleasantville. The problems caused by segregation will never be solved by more segregation.
2. **To end segregation, the state must not allow and not subsidize *more segregation in the name of regionalization*.** The Legislature must amend Senator Sweeney's School Consolidation Bill, S3488, before it is signed by the Governor. The new school consolidation bill must be amended to plug the segregationist loopholes: a) It must prohibit withdrawal, separation, or dissolution as a part of any proposed consolidation plan and, b) It must require an *affirmative obligation* (as prescribed by the New Jersey Courts and Constitution) to create racially & socioeconomically integrated districts.
3. **The Legislature and the Governor must support a multi-pronged approach using multiple policy tools to end school segregation in New Jersey** including legislation to: a) Strengthen the school funding formula to support inclusive and diverse schools: b) Reform the intra-district choice program to advance integration goals, c) Require and support Pro-integration magnets, charters & county schools, d) strengthen Fair Housing goals & obligations to advance school integration.
4. **Legislation must reform & strengthen the Department of Education's civil rights capacity & enforcement** to both require and enable it to carry out desegregation objectives, based inclusion goals and on an opportunity analysis.