

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2022-033

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 4454 ADOPTED INTO LAW ON MARCH 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature and Governor have adopted and enacted amendments to the New Jersey Educational Curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year with respect to instruction on diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the legislation provides for discussion and topics in connection with gender and sexual orientation as part of the curriculum for kindergarten through twelfth grade beginning in the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, while the Committee of the Township of Frankford supports the diversity and inclusion aspects of the curriculum, the governing body does not support discussion and materials relating to sexual orientation for children beginning with the kindergarten curriculum; and

WHEREAS, members of the governing body have seen excerpts of the proposed curriculum and believe that same are inappropriate for the age of children attending kindergarten for such instruction and discussion regarding sexual and gender entities with the concern that it does not provide parents the right to consider opting out of sexual orientation discussions or instruction on behalf of their children, nor does it provide for any other limitation or guidance with respect to sexual and gender discussion except that it must be implemented in the curriculum for students in grades through twelve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Frankford, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the governing body endorses the instruction for students with respect to diversity and inclusion, however, it does not support sexual identity orientation discussions or instruction for children at such a young age without parental notification and consideration of the materials and the parental right to preclude their children from such discussions and/or instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee is concerned as to the extent of the materials and graphics that would be included as part of such instruction, discussion and curriculum materials for young children without parental notification and input.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Philip D. Murphy, Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education, NJ State Board of Education, the 24th District Legislators, the Sussex County Clerk, the Board of County Commissioners of Sussex County, the Board of Commissioners of Warren County, the officers of the State Senate and the General Assembly, the Secretary of the High

Point Regional High School Board of Education, the Secretary of the Frankford Township School Board of Education, and all Municipalities in the County of Sussex.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Frankford, In the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on May 10, 2022.

Lori Nienstedt, RMC, MBA
Municipal Clerk, Administrator