

# *Glassboro Public Schools*



## **MEMO**

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To: Al Lewis

From: Michael Sloan

Date: June 24, 2026

Re: Civility Resolution

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Recommend Board approval of the attached Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in Glassboro Public Schools and authorizing submission of the adopted resolution to the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA).

**A RESOLUTION**

**PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GLASSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, recent national polls\* indicate that Americans are dissatisfied with and frustrated by the lack of civility in public discourse today, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education recognizes that freedom of speech and freedom of expression are sacrosanct, protected by both state and federal law, and allow individuals to express their opinions and to communicate ideas without fear of repercussion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education further recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas and varied viewpoints allows for robust discussion and is indispensable to the decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS**, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, the members of the Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education recognize that their position allows them to model open, free and vigorous debate, while also maintaining the highest standards of civility, mutual respect and decorum; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education recognize that they are models not only for the community, but also for the students they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and to express its concern for the common good and well-being of all its students, staff, parents and community, the Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education has determined to adopt this resolution,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- The Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education pledges to practice and promote civility, to engage in civil discussions, to respect and tolerate the viewpoints of others and to work collaboratively;
- The Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education pledges to communicate openly, honestly and transparently as permitted by law; and
- The Board of Education of the Glassboro Board of Education enacts this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous school community, to achieve the district’s goals and to advance the education of all students.
- A copy of this resolution is shared with the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA).

**ADOPTED IN REGULAR MEETING** this 24 day of June 2026.

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Board President

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Board Vice President

**ATTEST:**

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Board Secretary

\*Polls

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<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/about-us/press-releases/more-than-seven-in-10-americans-want-to-play-a-part-in-restoring-civility-in-amer>

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