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TO: School Business Administrators/Board Secretaries

FROM: Susan R. Naples
Executive County Superintendent of Schools

DATE: April 20, 2026

RE: TPAF Members - Ocean County Selection of Delegates and Alternates

This is to inform you that the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) Board of Trustees has determined that Ocean County is entitled to 22 delegates and 11 alternates for representation to elect a trustee position for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2027, from Group A. The delegates and alternates must be active or retired members of the TPAF.

Howard Lipoff, was the only candidate to register with the TPAF Board Secretary by the filing deadline, March 1, 2026. Therefore, Mr. Lipoff is deemed elected without ballot to represent Group A for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2027. Nevertheless, N.J.A.C. 17:3-1.4 requires that the County Superintendent continue the process of annually providing the names of eligible delegates and alternates to the Board office in the event that unforeseen circumstances make it necessary to conduct a vote for a trustee position.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:3-1.4, the County Superintendent's Office is required to electronically submit the Certification of Delegates and Alternates to the Board Office by June 30, 2026.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate or an alternate, please contact Debbie Thomas by **June 25, 2026**, at the Ocean County Office of Education at 732-929-2078 or debbie.thomas@doe.nj.gov. Please include the following information in your email: Name, Active or Retired, School District, Phone #, Email Address, Mailing Address.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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