#### PREPARED BY THE COURT

H.G., a minor, through her guardian TANISHA GARNER, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KIMBERLY HARRINGTON, in her official capacity as Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education, NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, nominal defendant NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; and nominal defendant CHRISTOPHER CERF, in his capacity as Superintendent of the Newark School District,

Defendants,

and

NEW JERSEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, on behalf of itself and its members,

Defendant-Intervenor,

and

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO, et al.,

Defendant-Intervenor.

# SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION – MERCER COUNTY

**DOCKET NO. L-2170-16** 

**CIVIL ACTION** 

ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO
DISMISS THE COMPLAINT AND
DISMISSING THE COMPLAINT
WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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THIS MATTER having been opened to the court by way of Defendant-Intervenors New

Jersey Education Association ("NJEA") and American Federation of Teachers ("AFT") motions

to dismiss Plaintiffs' complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, pursuant to R. 4:6-2(e); and the court having reviewed the materials submitted by the parties and having also heard oral argument on May 3, 2017; and the court finding that Plaintiffs lack standing to pursue their claims in the absence of a particularized harm to Plaintiffs caused by the N.J.S.A. 18A:28-10 and N.J.S.A. 18A:28-12 ("LIFO statutes"); and the court also finding Plaintiffs' claims lack ripeness in the absence of an actual, or immediate threat of harm to Plaintiffs caused the LIFO statutes; and the court not needing to reach Plaintiffs' other claims; and for the reasons set forth on the record on May 3, 2017; and for good cause shown:

IT IS on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Defendant-Intervenors' motions to dismiss are GRANTED.
- 2. Plaintiffs' complaint is DISMISSED, without prejudice.

Mary C. Jacobson, A.J.S.C.