

CHRISTINA HOGGAN
COMPLAINANT,

v.

ANGELA READING

THE NORTHERN BURLINGTON COUNTY :
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BURLINGTON COUNTY
RESPONDENT.

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BEFORE THE SCHOOL

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OF NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL ETHICS ACT

COMPLAINT FORM

:

I am a member of the Chesterfield Elementary School ("CES") Board of Education. I am not writing or submitting this Complaint as a member of or on behalf of the CES BOE. I am submitting this Complaint as a concerned community member and mother. All opinions are my own.

I, Christina Hoggan, residing at [REDACTED] Chesterfield NJ 08515, phone number [REDACTED] request the School Ethics Commission to consider a complaint against the above-named Angela Reading, Respondent, whose home address is [REDACTED] Road, North Hanover NJ 08562, in accordance with the authority of the School Ethics Commission to entertain such complaints under N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

The facts upon which this complaint is based are as follows:

- 1. Statement of facts: Mrs. Reading created a post on a Facebook Page for Northern Burlington Parents in which she accused the Burlington County Department of Health of malfeasance in relation to COVID-19 guidance for schools based on politics.**

(1) On January 18, 2022, Angela Reading, without posting the requisite disclaimer for Board members, created a Facebook Post in a group called Northern Burlington Parents in which she accused the Burlington County Department of Health ("DOH) of malfeasance in relation to a correction they made regarding a misprint regarding Covid-19 guidance related to schools. In doing so she provided,

FYI: The Burlington County DOH is claiming a "misprint" in their 1/12/22 guidance update which essentially got rid of close contact quarantine for unvaccinated kids (or at least significantly limited it). They revised "mistake" will increase the number the students quarantined [sic]. Regardless of your position on this issue, our health officials should be consistent and should not be publishing guidance before proofreading (although I wonder if the change is based on politics and not someone's "mistake").



See a copy of a January 18, 2022 Facebook post by Angela Reading annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

(2) Mrs. Reading's post resulted in nearly 70 comments from various community members which included divisive statements and ultimately, after multiple community members reported the post, the administrator of the page turned the post's comment section off.

(3) Among the comments were several by Mrs. Reading in which she repeatedly accused the DOH of lying to the public about a change they made to COVID-19 guidance related to schools, including those in the Northern Burlington Regional School District. She continually alleged that the DOH's correction of a misprint related to COVID-19 guidance for schools was based on politics and not because it was actually a misprint. In relation to the post, Mrs. Reading made statements such as,

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This is an egregious and irresponsible "misprint" that confuses the public and has school administrators and leaders scrambling. "Mistakes" like this cause the public to lose trust, which is not good for anyone.

If I'm being honest, the change is very suspect. This does not appear to be a "mistake" based on someone typing the wrong thing. This appears to be a change based on politics. Which is truly unfortunate. Exhibit "A" at p. 2.

(4) Mrs. Reading noted that "[c]hanges like this cause chaos for school leaders and the public. Also, they should be honest about the change. It is difficult to believe that this was a mistake. I believe this change was based on politics. I wish they would be honest." Exhibit "A" at p. 7.

(5) Mrs. Reading further remarked "...I have never held a job that would have allowed me to make such a major mistake. **This guidance impacts 2,493 schools and 686 school districts. Admins made changes based on last week's guidance and are now forced to change again.** This is very problematic." Exhibit "A" at p. 9. Emphasis added.

(6) When asked by a community member "So what exactly is the purpose of this post on Northern Burlington Parent's Facebook page, attacking the DOH? Seems like more of an ax to grind than something that helps the parents of kids at Northern." Mrs. Reading replied that,

...to update parents on the NEW guidance. The 1/12/22 guidance made close contact quarantine for unvaccinated students VERY RARE. Parents were updated on this change last week. NOW it appears that the guidance has changed again (based on a "mistake"). Thus, parents of unvaccinated children in our community should be aware of the change and be prepared moving forward. They may want to address this change with school leaders or health officials. I know parents with vaccinated kids may not care about the change, but this impacts many families in our community. Exhibit "A" at p. 11.

(7) Mrs. Reading then posted what can only be categorized as a contentious attack of a parent stating,

... Now, a question for you. So what exactly is the purpose of you alluding to the fact that I was "attacking the DOH"? Was it to discredit me? Was it to portray me in a negative light? How did your comment add to the conversation or help the community? Thanks for this dialogue.

Exhibit "A" at p. 12.

(8) Another community member questioned the appropriateness of Mrs. Reading's posts given her membership on the BOE, stating **"Everything about the post is geared towards discrediting the DOH. Aren't you on the BOE, and if so, is this really appropriate?"** Exhibit "A" at p. 12. Emphasis added.

(9) The community member further noted that Mrs. Reading "posting about an 'error' that the DOH made on this page does nothing to help the community... Yes, it is obviously necessary for school officials but in all honesty what is posting this information going to do for anyone? Exhibit "A" at p. 12.

(10) The community member further posted that "Egregious and irresponsible" aren't exactly words that are singing the praises of the DOH. I would consider that an attack, however subtle or covert it may have been intended to be." Exhibit "A" at p. 13.

(11) Another community member then stated, in reply to the chain "and let's not forget her strong insinuation without proof that this was not a mistake but a political move- that does nothing but divide and discredit- it is hypocritical that she talks about how the DOH should not put anything out without proofreading for mistakes but she does not do that herself even though she goes to law school". Exhibit "A" at p. 13. Emphasis added.

(12) In response to a comment that questioned her post, Mrs. Reading attacked the community member stating,

so sharing guidance and stating the facts is now discrediting the DOH? Or did the DOH discredit themselves by their own mistakes? Reasonable minds can disagree, but unreasonable minds can do it a lot better. I know many of you in this group would like to silence me and use my elected position as your justification to do so. So let me break this down for you. First, I am allowed to share readily available guidance online. Second, I am a mother first. This guidance impacts my children. Third, I am not speaking as a BOE member or sharing any information

particularized to NBC. I am also not being derogatory in any way. Thus, I am not in violation of ethical rules. Finally, just because I hold a public office does not mean I give up my right to speak about public matters. This is a public matter. Exhibit "A" at p. 14.

(13) Mrs. Reading then continued to post comments disparaging the DOH without posting the requisite disclaimer on her subsequent statements.

(14) In response to her posts, some community members questioned Mrs. Reading's motives and noted that she was creating strife for no real reason. One community member noted "[w]e have every right to question authority, but in this instance, all it does is rile people up over something that could totally be just human error." Exhibit "A" at p. 17. Another community member provided, "[y]ou are introducing the idea that the change was based on politics where it really doesn't belong. Simply stating the mistake would have been sufficient. Suggesting that politics were involved simply creates strife." Exhibit "A" at p. 17. See also Exhibit "A" at pp. 19, 21, 23-4, and 28.

(15) Mrs. Reading continued to accuse the DOH of malfeasance and among other things noted that **"the error is not minor (a few words or numbers): it is significant and has major implications on school policy."** Exhibit "A" at p. 18. Emphasis added. Exhibit "A" pp. 19-32.

(16) Mrs. Reading also claimed, "A 'mistake' of this magnitude impacts 2,493 schools in our state and creates uncertainty in school policy and procedures. This in turn, impacts many families in OUR community." Exhibit "A" at p. 32.

(17) Ultimately, the administrator of the group turned off public comments informing Mrs. Reading,

This post has been reported several times. Every single time you use quotation marks around misprint and mistake, you are insinuating distrust in the DOH. And yes that will cause issues in the group. If people also feel it's a mistake, they can surmise that for themselves when they see the change. There is no need to lead people down that path and cause issues here. If people want to have an issue with the DOH, they can certainly figure that out and take it up with the DOH.

Sharing the update itself is perfectly acceptable and welcomed.
Exhibit "A" at p. 33. Emphasis added.

Date of occurrence: January 18, 2022.

(18) I assert this to be a violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 (e) because on January 18, 2022, Mrs. Reading took private action, without issuing the requisite disclaimer, that could compromise the Board. Mrs. Reading, without consulting her fellow Board members, took it upon herself to create a post on a parent based Facebook page for her district in which she accused the DOH of lying to the public in relation to COVID-19 guidance for schools during an ongoing pandemic because she believed they changed their guidance not do to a misprint, but based on politics. Mrs. Reading's actions could have compromised the Board as it could have caused parents and guardians to doubt

that the Board could and would work cooperatively with the DOH and properly enforce their guidance during a worldwide pandemic. Her actions further could have compromised the Board because she could have caused the public to doubt the neutrality of Board and to question their COVID-19 policies. Her actions further could have compromised the Board as Mrs. Reading disparaged the DOH despite the fact that the district needed to be able to work with the DOH with regards to COVID-19 and debasing them by calling their veracity into question could create tension and conflict. Mrs. Reading's actions further could have compromised the Board as her treatment of community members who disagreed with her in relation to the post was demeaning and could cause parents and guardians, especially those who disagreed with her, to be afraid to speak up and ask questions before the Board or to the school. Mrs. Reading's actions also could have diminished the Board's overall integrity in the eyes of the community members.

WHEREFORE, I, as Complainant, request that the School Ethics Commission find and determine that the above-named Respondent(s) has violated the School Ethics Act and that he or she be subject to such penalty as provided by the Act.

Date July 14, 2022



Signature of Complainant
or his or her Attorney

CERTIFICATION UNDER OATH

(Name of Complainant), of full age, being duly sworn upon his or her oath according to law deposes and says:

1. I am the complainant in this matter.
2. I have read the complaint and aver that the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I am aware that the statute that created the School Ethics Commission authorizes the School Ethics Commission to impose penalties for filing a frivolous complaint. N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29(e). I am aware that if the respondent alleges that the complaint is frivolous, I shall have 20 days from receipt of the answer to respond to the allegation.
3. The subject matter of this complaint is not pending in any court of law or administrative agency of this State. I will advise the School Ethics Commission if I subsequently become aware that it is pending elsewhere.

State of New Jersey
County of Burlington

Date: July 14, 2022



Signature of Complainant

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14 day of July, 2022

RACHEL FRYC
Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires September 18, 2023



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EXHIBIT A



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- Persons <18 years old who are not fully vaccinated.

Exception – schools who are using a "Test to Stay" protocol may allow asymptomatic close contacts to return to in-person academic activities immediately so long as the contacts follow the protocol.

For determining a school based close contact to a COVID-19 case:

- Individuals would be considered exposed during the period between 2 days prior to symptom onset (or positive test date if asymptomatic) and 5 days after.
- Individuals would NOT be considered exposed during the case's additional precaution period at day 6-10).

**I printed this on
1/12/22**

Exception – schools who are using a "Test to Stay" protocol may allow asymptomatic close contacts to return to in-person academic activities immediately so long as the contacts follow the protocol.

For determining the timing of close contact to a COVID-19 case:

- Individuals would only be considered exposed if they had close contact during the case's isolation period (day 1-5).
- Individuals would NOT be considered exposed during the case's additional precaution period at day 6-10).



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Shereen Semple

While I am not responsible for this misprint, I am a public health official. We have been working nearly every day since January 2020, including holidays, nights and weekends. We hear out people who think we are not doing enough and people who think we are doing too much. Like other frontline workers, we are extremely stressed and exhausted. A little tolerance during these challenging times is appreciated.

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Angela Reading

[Shereen Semple](#) first and foremost, thank you for all that you do! I don't think there is a single person who does not appreciate the hard work and dedication of our frontline workers and healthcare officials. However, gratitude does not dissolve the right to critique or bring attention to bad policy that impacts our kids.

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Hope Mchenry Grindlinger

[Shereen Semple](#) thanks for all of your efforts. I wish it would all go away so we can discuss things like basketball photos, dances, and cheer or wrestling competitions!

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Shereen Semple

[Hope Mchenry Grindlinger](#) Me too!!!!

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[Angela Reading](#) I understand the frustration but I choose to believe everyone is doing their best in these unprecedented times, esp under the constant scrutiny of the public eye.

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[Angela Reading](#) more power to them if they can be that perfect all the time with this much chaos going on. I know I'm human and could easily make those same mistakes as most people have. 🙄

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[Angela Reading](#) if you read the feedback I gave you, I approved it by accident. We are trying to keep these conversations to the parent group alone.

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[Janice Joy](#) thank you! Good to know.

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[Angela Reading](#) Is it a "fact" that this was a so called political move by the DOH? Don't "facts" require proof?

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[Ellen Fisher Deerberg](#) Why would we remove this? While we may disagree, we can have a respectful dialogue.

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[Ellen Fisher Deerberg](#) You may disagree with me, but it is disingenuous to start a debate with someone, then call for the post to be removed. I have not broken any group rule in our conversation.

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Janice Joy

[Angela Reading](#) posting the change is fact. Insinuating that the DOH should be perfect and not make mistakes and that this is somehow political is not fact.

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Ellen Fisher Deerberg

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[Ellen Fisher Deerberg](#) How am I misguiding the public? I shared two published guidance documents. The public should be aware of the change. Most people don't read guidance documents daily as I do.

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Everyone is tired of the last two years. We all want to go back to pre covid days. No one wants to keep kids at home. NO ONE. Sometimes we need to give people a break and have some empathy and not criticize every single thing.

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[Janice Joy](#) Thank you for your comment. I am doing my best to respect and understand your position. However, hoping that the DOH would proofread their guidance is not the same as implying they can never make mistakes. As a teacher, I would tell my students to proofread all their work; however, that did not mean they could never make mistakes. But I hope we can all agree that the DOH should be held to a higher standard than my 3rd-grade students. Also, the error is not minor (a few words or numbers); it is significant and has major implications on school policy.

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Janice Joy

[Angela Reading](#) people can proofread several times and still miss things. It happens. I just don't understand the effort involved to make a big deal about it. Again we are in unprecedented times. I guess I'm just more understanding of that and what may or may not be happening behind the scenes.

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[Ellen Fisher Deerberg](#) The "mistake"

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[Ellen Fisher Deerberg](#) The "mistake" is major and does not appear to be a mistype. Thus, I do wonder if politics played a role in the change. This is a legitimate concern and observation. The public should be informed on public matters and should be able to draw conclusions based on the circumstances. We cannot hide/shut down important conversations. Especially when they impact our kids.

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[Janice Joy](#) Did you read the documents in my post? This is a MAJOR and swift policy change and could be a "big deal" for many members of this group. Just because this does not impact your child or your family, that does not mean that it does not impact the lives of others in our community. As an admin, you should respect and understand that. Do you comment this much on posts from people you politically align with? I hope that all members can share important information without this level of scrutiny.

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Janice Joy

[Angela Reading](#) I have no issues with the post bringing attention to the change. It's imperative that people know about the change. I just find it really interesting how you purposely pointed out that we shouldn't be divisive but your commentary can be read that way. I just don't really understand all this effort to point out something that could be truly a mistake. If the point of the quarantine is to limit the spread based on when the student is contagious, they are contagious up to 2 days prior to symptoms. So the policy should be revised as it was.

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Janice Joy

[Angela Reading](#) and you don't think commenting about the DOH mistake and insinuating motives isn't a high level of scrutiny?

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Angela Reading

[Janice Joy](#) As NJ citizens we should have a high level of scrutiny of our government officials. You are scrutinizing everything I say, I am just a community member. These things are different.

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[Angela Reading](#) as I said, I don't disagree with questioning authority but pointing out something like this just seems really pointless and just causing rift.

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[Janice Joy](#) I agree we should not be divisive in this group towards other community members. We should also not disrespectfully attack people's opinions or positions. However, as members of this community, we should be able to post and address issues with unelected governmental officials, especially when their policies impact our kids and schools. This dialogue is important. The fact that members of this group try to discredit me and spin my words regularly is truly unfortunate.

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[Janice Joy](#) well, that is your opinion, and I respect that. However, in my opinion, the community needs to know what is happening and draw their own conclusions based on the facts in front of them. To ignore the politics behind public policy would be problematic. It is possible that this change was based on politics, and I hope our community starts asking questions to gain more information. I plan to reach out to the DOH for more info today after school.

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Angela Reading

[Lorrie Thier](#) you state, "let's not forget her strong insinuation without proof that this was not a mistake but a political move." What I actually said, "Regardless of your position on this issue, our health officials should be consistent and should not be publishing guidance before proofreading (although I wonder if the change is based on politics and not on someone's "mistake"). Explain....

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Meredith Alison

[Angela Reading](#) I have no interest in

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Meredith Alison

[Angela Reading](#) I have no interest in you being silenced, I can assure you of that.

You did say you wished "they would be honest about the change" which implies you feel they are being dishonest. And I hate to break it to you, but that is an opinion based statement, not a fact.

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Lorrie Thier

[Angela Reading](#) you want me to explain what you said? I did not use quotes in my statement as people can read your post and I believe you will explain it in several ways in 20 posts or less. As others have said before, posting the info is not the problem- calling it suspiciously connected to politics and using quotes to say it's a mistake is where you went from providing important information to the community to pushing an agenda- now if I don't reply to your next posts it's because I've got other things to do such as paying attention to my kids, making them dinner asking about their days, than to listen to your agenda. I appreciate that you have now discredited an informational group

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Hope Mchenry Grindlinger

[Ellen Fisher Deerberg](#) are you friends with Andrea? It seems you all keep trying to find something wrong with Angela commenting in anything bc she is a BOE member. She is also a member of the community AND a parent and has helped several people learn more about what's happening because she obviously spends countless hours researching for clear knowledge on these topics. Don't let your difference of opinion blur the fact that she is educating others, whether you like it or not.

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[Lorrie Thier](#) seems that's what you're doing. Trying to divide and discredit.

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Angela Reading

[Meredith Alison](#) I can share facts (the guidance documents) and my observations and opinions simultaneously. Personally, it is hard to believe that a major change like this could be a mistake. But reasonable minds can differ. I am not asking anyone to agree with me.

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Angela Reading

[Lorrie Thier](#) is there a rule in this group that states members can only post facts? If so, there are a lot of opinion posts/comments that should be taken down. I have been criticized for stating that this change could have been political, and I am confused why this basic observation is "divisive." Public policy is political in nature, and public interest groups, like the NJEA, often help create school health policy. This is not controversial, it is common practice. Thus, reasonable minds can wonder/question what brought about this policy change if it was not a "mistake." We may never know, but

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[Hope Mchenry Grindlinger](#) Thank you so much for this comment. The personal attacks and attempts to discredit me are relentless. In clear violation of group rules. I think they want the post deleted.

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Angela Reading

[Hope Mchenry Grindlinger](#) I agree. In clear violation of group rules. It is truly unfortunate that the admins allow these comments to stay or delete the whole post based on a few bad actors.

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[Angela Reading](#) I requested an admin stop it, but that didn't happen.

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[Janice Joy](#) I respectfully ask that you do not remove this post. This change impacts all schools in our community, and parents should be aware. Some of us may disagree, but it is disingenuous to start a debate with someone, then call for the post to be removed.

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Shereen Semple

Ummm...you said this post was not about the actual policy.

Angela Reading Author

[Janice Joy](#) again, my post was not about the actual policy. It was about the fact that the DOH is changing things daily and claiming "mistakes" and "misprints." One would hope that the DOH would proofread before publishing. Changes like this cause chaos for school leaders and the public. Also, they should be honest about the change. It is difficult to believe that this was a mistake. I believe this change was based on politics. I wish they would be honest.

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Angela Reading

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Janice Joy

[Angela Reading](#) but you wanted to point out the incompetence of the DOH?

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Angela Reading

[Janice Joy](#) I wanted to point out that the DOH made a major change without notice and claimed it was a mistake. I wanted to point out that this change has a significant impact on school policy and families in our community. I wanted to point out that in my opinion, there may be more happening here, but I am not sure. It is worth a public conversation.

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[Janice Joy](#) I think it's good for parents to know that a change we were excited about has changed due to either a mistake or a change in policy week over week. Regardless, this impacts families again and everyone should be aware so they can prep for child care with friends or family if they are unable to do so themselves.

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Janice Joy

[Hope Mchenry Grindlinger](#) I never said that the change shouldn't be posted. It absolutely should be.

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Angela Reading

[Janice Joy](#) thank you.

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Tracey Jones

I can't even believe I'm reading this!!! Wow..... i Just got outta work... and this is not a Small mistake!!!! This is big for some parents, children and school personnel....Oh... and btw... very informative... i didn't see this!! This would never happen at my hospital.... Nor any of the others I work at!!! DOH mistakes like this???? Ok.... But....6 days to figure out that this kind of mistake happened????? And IMO.... Which, I'm allowed to have... it DOES seem very questionable!!!! [Angela Reading](#) is questioning the DOH!!!! No one personally!!! We are all entitled "to question"!!!! It IS impacting a lot of people.. for different reasons... so tired of the slamming of every

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 all come up with our own thoughts about this
 huge mistake!!! as you are entitled to your
 opinion... so is she... we all are... jeez.... 6
 days!?? Come on!! Has me questioning too!!!!
 Glad it was posted!!!! My word!!!!!!

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Angela Reading

[Tracey Jones](#) thank you so much for this
 post. You hit the nail on the head.

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I shared this post to inform our community of the recent changes made to the DOH guidance and that the prior guidance posted on 1/12/22 was allegedly a "mistake." A "mistake" of this magnitude impacts 2,493 schools in our state and creates uncertainty in school policy and procedure. This, in turn, impacts many families in OUR community. Parents need to be aware of this because they have the power to advocate for change or ask for clarification if they want it. I have been criticized for stating that this change could have been political, and I am confused why this basic observation is "divisive." Public policy is political in nature, and public interest groups, like the NJEA, often help create school health policy. This is not controversial, it is common practice. Thus, reasonable minds can wonder/question what brought about this policy change if it was not a "mistake." We may never know, but we can ask. What is divisive are members of this group trying to silence me through personal attacks and statements about my position as a BOE member. You may disagree with my positions on COVID, but I ask that we all show respect to each other. There seems to be an effort to get this post taken down, which would be truly unfortunate.

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Janice Joy

This post has been reported several times. Every single time you use quotation marks around misprint and mistake, you are insinuating distrust in the DOH. And yes that will cause issues in the group. If people also feel it's a mistake, they can surmise that for themselves when they see the change. There is no need to lead people down that path and cause issues here. If people want to have an issue with the DOH, they can certainly figure that out and take it up with the DOH.

Sharing the update itself is perfectly acceptable and welcomed.

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