

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Open Public Meetings Statement.
2. Roll Call.

NOTE: Upcoming Meeting schedule:

March 26, 2019	Budget Meeting 7 PM; Standing Committee Meetings; Special Meeting if needed.
April 2, 2019	Agenda Meeting and Goals 6:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM; Conference Meeting to follow.

3. Public Discussion (15 minutes).
4. Memorial or Commendatory Resolutions or Presentations scheduled as indicated:
 - a.
 - b.
5. Ordinances on 1st Reading –scheduled for introduction 4/2/2019:
 - a.
 - b.
6. Ordinances on 2nd Reading – scheduled for 4/2/2019:
 - a.
 - b.
7. Resolutions for Next Meeting - scheduled for 4/2/2019:
 - a. Bills List (4/2/2019)
 - b.
 - c.
8. Appointments.
9. Borough Attorney's Report.
10. Borough Administrator's Report.
11. Standing Committee Status Report.

12. Discussion Items.
 - a. Water Fluoridation (MH).
 - b. Resolution in Support of Mandatory Vaccinations (JF).
 - c. Volunteer of the Year Awards (TJ).
 - d. Promotions Process Update (TJ).
 - e. Bond Anticipation Notes pay down (JF).
 - f. Standard and Poors review (TJ).
 - g. Financial advisor services (TJ).
 - h. Mill Brook Clean-Up May 12th (PG).
 - i. Creation of Census Task Force (GBM).
 - j.
 - k.
 - l.
 - m.
 - n.
 - o.

13. Executive Session resolution.

14. Meeting Adjourned.

Possible Executive Session Items:

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK BOARD OF HEALTH
*Resolution Urging Adoption of Assembly Bill A-3818/Senate Bill S-2173,
To Remove the Religious Exemption as a Reason Parents Can Refrain
From Having Their Children Vaccinated in New Jersey*

PURPOSE AND INTENT: The purpose and intent of this resolution is to express support for Assembly Bill A-3818,¹ and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173, which clarifies statutory exemptions from mandatory immunizations for students, and would remove the religious exemption as a reason parents can refrain from having their children vaccinated.

WHEREAS, the Board of Health implements state laws and regulations relating to public health in Highland Park;²

WHEREAS, under current New Jersey law, P.L.1974, c.150, P.L.2002, c.58, and P.L.2003, c.284, public and private school students must be vaccinated for a list of diseases unless they claim that doing so would be medically risky or that it would violate a religious tenet in which they believe;³

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control found that nationwide, 2.2 percent of kindergarteners received an exemption to the mandatory vaccine policy in 2017-2018 — the vast majority for non-medical concerns — up from 2.0 percent the previous school year. New Jersey's exemption rate rose to 2.2 percent in 2017-2018 from 1.9 percent the year before;⁴

WHEREAS, there have recently been measles outbreaks in New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington, which have caused people to fall ill and be hospitalized;

WHEREAS, health experts assert that refusal to vaccinate can raise the chances of an outbreak by putting at risk people who cannot be immunized for medical reasons;⁵

WHEREAS, *Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccination and Autism: A Nationwide Cohort Study*, which was published on March 5, 2019, in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*, strongly supports that the measles, mumps, rubella ("MMR") vaccination does not increase the risk for autism, does not trigger autism in susceptible children, and is not associated with clustering of autism cases after vaccination;⁶

WHEREAS, the proposed Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173, will only allow medical exemptions, under which parents can obtain a written statement from a health professional explaining a medical reason their child should be exempted from mandatory vaccination;⁷

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173, will protect the health and wellbeing of all children and families in New Jersey from vaccine-preventable diseases, and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Board of Health supports the adoption of Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173, which would remove the religious exemption as a reason parents can refrain from having their children vaccinated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park Board of Health hereby requests that the Highland Park Borough Council adopt a resolution, which will urge its elected representatives in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate to support Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173. A copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall be furnished to the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park.

ADOPTED: March 14, 2019

¹ https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/A4000/3818_R1.HTM

² <https://sites.google.com/site/hpboardofhealth/home>

³ https://www.njspotlight.com/stories/19/02/06/lawmakers-moves-to-end-religious-exemption-for-mandatory-vaccinations/?fbclid=IwAR1Xfk4I0AzZEiOhtGzoMNL81HyIZNK-e-kWr5YI4_kz3hSi7Usg9G95bI4

⁴ Id.

⁵ <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/09/well/oregon-child-tetanus-vaccine.html>

⁶ <https://annals.org/aim/fullarticle/2727726/measles-mumps-rubella-vaccination-autism-nationwide-cohort-study>

⁷ https://www.njspotlight.com/stories/19/02/06/lawmakers-moves-to-end-religious-exemption-for-mandatory-vaccinations/?fbclid=IwAR1Xfk4I0AzZEiOhtGzoMNL81HyIZNK-e-kWr5YI4_kz3hSi7Usg9G95bI4

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WHEREAS, on 3/14/19, the Highland Park Board of Health passed a resolution in support of Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173;

WHEREAS, under current New Jersey law, P.L.1974, c.150, P.L.2002, c.58, and P.L.2003, c.284, public and private school students must be vaccinated for a list of diseases unless they claim that doing so would be medically risky or that it would violate a religious tenet in which they believe;

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control found that nationwide, 2.2 percent of kindergarteners received an exemption to the mandatory vaccine policy in 2017-2018 — the vast majority for non-medical concerns — up from 2.0 percent the previous school year. New Jersey's exemption rate rose to 2.2 percent in 2017-2018 from 1.9 percent the year before;

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WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173, will protect the health and wellbeing of all children and families in New Jersey from vaccine-preventable diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council and the Borough of Highland Park as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park hereby urge its elected representatives in the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to adopt Assembly Bill A-3818, and the Senate version of the bill, S-2173.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall be furnished to Senator Patrick J. Diegnan, Assemblywoman Nancy J. Pinkin and Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak.
3. A certified true copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall also be furnished to the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

I, Joan Hullings, Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Highland Park Council at its regular meeting held on this ____ day of _____.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk