

Porzio Presents Details on Feasibility Study Unifying Salem County School Districts

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The Salem County Board of Commissioners hired Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, PC to conduct a feasibility study of a unified school district's educational and financial benefits. On January 31 and February 1, 2022, Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr. and Kerri A. Wright of Porzio, Bromberg & Newman presented the results at a well-attended meeting at Salem County Community College. The study concluded that creating a new countywide PK-12 regional school district would "have clear educational benefits to the students of all communities" and savings of nearly \$7 million annually. The law firm has been involved in every major state school district reconfiguration over the last 20 years. The law firm partnered with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Porzio Compliances Services, to work with a wide array of educators in Salem County. Former NJ Commissioner of Education David Hespe served as the lead educational expert for Porzio Compliance Services. The NJSBA School Boards Notes article, Salem County Gets Details on Feasibility Study on Unifying School Districts, lays out the findings and discusses the educational, racial, and financial implication