

BERGEN COUNTY

School Boards Association



 **2027 Dr. Archie F. Hay Award** 
 **2027 Janet S. Lobsenz Award** 
— DEADLINE THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2027 —

<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Description & Focus</u>	<u>Eligibility Highlight</u>
Dr. Archie F. Hay Award	Distinguished leadership and commitment to public education.	Must be nominated by a formal Board Resolution .
Janet S. Lobsenz Award	Strong commitment to personal/professional development and involvement in school governance.	Must have achieved Certified Board Member certification (NJSBA).

 **2027 Janet S. Lobsenz Award** 

About the Award

The Janet S. Lobsenz Award is presented annually to a **Bergen County School Board Member**. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual board member who exemplifies **Janet's strong commitment** to personal and professional development and **her involvement** in school governance at the local, county, and state levels. Established in 2002 by the BCSBA, it honors Janet S. Lobsenz, a long-term NJSBA field service representative and former Bergen County school board member.

Eligibility and Selection

- **Selection:** The recipient will be selected by an impartial committee composed of school board members from outside Bergen County.
 - **Nominee Must:**
 - Have achieved **Certified Board Member status** through the NJSBA Board Member Academy to be eligible for this award.
 - Demonstrate strong commitment to personal and professional development and **their involvement in school governance** at the local, county, and state levels (emulating Janet S. Lobsenz's commitment).
- ➡ **Need to check your status?** [CLICK HERE](#) for a listing of current Bergen County Certified Board Members.

Call for Nomination & Submission Details

If you are interested in being a candidate or wish to nominate a deserving board member in Bergen County, please submit the application by the deadline.

- **Application Link:** <https://forms.gle/PAMPryzvJonhHfaQ8>
- **Former Winners:** A listing of all former Janet S. Lobsenz Award Winners can be found here: [\[LIST OF FORMER WINNERS\]](#)

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For more information or questions, please contact **Robert Acerra**, NJSBA County Activities Coordinator for Bergen County, at racerra@njsba.org.

🏆 2027 Dr. Archie F. Hay Award 🏆

About the Award

The Dr. Archie F. Hay Award is presented annually to a **Bergen County School Board Member** who best exemplifies Dr. Hay's **distinguished leadership** and commitment to public education.

Eligibility and Selection

- **Selection:** The recipient will be selected by an impartial committee composed of school board members from outside Bergen County.
- **Nominee Must:**
 - Demonstrate evidence of **strong leadership** within their local district.
 - Be nominated by a **formal resolution adopted by their local Board of Education**. (More information on the resolution is provided below.)

Call for Nomination & Submission Details

If you are interested in being a candidate or wish to nominate a deserving board member in Bergen County, please submit the application **and the required Board Resolution** by the deadline.

- **Application Link:** <https://forms.gle/4tinoJhAM69yb6Yq6>
- **Resolution Submission:** Please email the formal Board Resolution to racerra@njsba.org by **Thursday, April 15, 2027**.
- **Former Winners:** A listing of all former Archie F. Hay Award Winners can be found here: [\[LIST OF FORMER WINNERS\]](#)

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Crucial Deadline

ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE:

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2027

Nomination Resolution Template (Dr. Archie F. Hay Award Only)

This information is provided as a guide for drafting the formal resolution:

Note: The "WHEREAS" clauses provide excellent criteria and should be used to craft a compelling narrative for the nominee. Make sure to **fill in all bracketed information** when using the template.

RESOLUTION TITLE: Nomination of [Nominee's Name] for the Bergen County School Boards Association 2027 Dr. Archie F. Hay Award.

WHEREAS, [Nominee's Name], a resident of [Township/Municipality] in Bergen County, has served a total of [Number] years on the [District Name] Board of Education, consistently demonstrating a **sustained commitment to effective school governance;** and

WHEREAS, [Nominee's Name] has made **noteworthy and measurable contributions** to student education, continually focusing on improving achievement for all students in the district through [**State 1-2 specific examples of contributions or focus areas**]; and

WHEREAS, [Nominee's Name] has consistently demonstrated **exemplary leadership** both on the Board of Education and within the broader community by [**State 1-2 specific examples of leadership roles or initiatives**]; and

WHEREAS, [Nominee's Name] has exhibited **active and effective involvement** in local school governance, including [**List 1-2 specific examples: e.g., committee chair, policy review, strategic planning**], while fostering a strong commitment to collaborative teamwork; and

WHEREAS, [Nominee's Name] has pursued **ongoing personal and professional development**, maintaining status as a **Certified Board Member** by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), and specifically demonstrating this through [**State 1 specific example of recent training or professional growth**]; and

WHEREAS, the [District Name] District Board of Education wishes to formally recognize [**Nominee's Name**] for their **dedicated service, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment** to the students and community of our district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the [**District Name**] District Board of Education does hereby express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to [**Nominee's Name**] for their distinguished service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the [**District Name**] District Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to submit this Nomination Resolution, along with all required application materials, to the Bergen County School Boards Association for consideration of [**Nominee's Name**] for the **2027 Dr. Archie F. Hay Award.**

Adopted: [Date of Board Meeting]

Board Secretary: [Signature of Board Secretary]