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SYNOPSIS

Petitioners, individual high school student (D.H.) and her father on behalf of her sister (S.H.), challenged the Board's refusal to place D.H. in 12th grade and S.H. in 11th grade absent receipt of their transcripts from a nonpublic school. Because of a financial dispute as to tuition, that school refused to send the school records of the students to the respondent Board.

Emergent relief was granted in May 2000 to permit D.H. to graduate with her class provided she passed the required courses necessary for graduation.

In light of the testimony of witnesses and the evidence that both students passed the eleventh grade proficiency test, the ALJ ordered that D.H. be permitted to graduate provided she passed the required courses necessary for graduation and that S.H. be placed in the 12th grade for the 2000-01 school year provided she passed her current courses.

The Commissioner adopted findings and determination in Initial Decision as his own.

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The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law have been reviewed. The parties did not file exceptions.

Upon careful and independent review, the Commissioner concurs with the findings and conclusions of the ALJ. Accordingly, the Initial Decision is adopted for the reasons expressed therein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: July 3, 2000

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^{*} This decision, as the Commissioner's final determination, may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-27 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.1 et seq., within 30 days of its filing. Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.