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PETITIONER, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
V. : DECISION
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DISTRICT, CAMDEN COUNTY, :
RESPONDENT. :
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SYNOPSIS

Petitioning parent brought several claims against respondent Board. Specifically, petitioner sought: removal from T.C.'s pupil records of an entry relating to a theft charge against T.C.; copies of records made and maintained pursuant to the Board's substance abuse prevention program; and, based on the board's expulsion of T.C., an order that the Board provide T.C. an education in an appropriate facility.

The ALJ determined that any entries in the Board's records relative to the theft charge had been removed; that the records of the substance abuse prevention program are confidential and may not be ordered released in this action; and that the Board complied with all laws governing the expulsion process with regard to T.C. and had directed petitioner to several alternative schools and offered to pay the tuition for the same. Based on these determinations, the ALJ recommended dismissal of the petition with prejudice.

The Commissioner concurred with the findings and conclusions of the ALJ and dismissed the petition.

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The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) have been reviewed. The parties filed no exceptions to the Initial Decision.

Upon his independent and careful review, the Commissioner concurs with the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge dismissing petitioner's claims with prejudice.

Accordingly, the recommended decision of the OAL is affirmed for the reasons expressed therein and the petition is hereby dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: September 8, 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.