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AGENCY DKT. NO. 10-1/04

B.L., on behalf of minor child, S.J.L., :
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 PETITIONER, :
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 V. : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
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 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WARREN HILLS : DECISION
 REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, :
 WARREN COUNTY, :
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 RESPONDENT. :
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The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) have been reviewed. Petitioner's exceptions, filed in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-18.4, were fully considered by the Commissioner in reaching his determination herein.

Upon a careful and independent review, the Commissioner concurs with the Administrative Law Judge that petitioner has failed to meet her required burden of proving, by a preponderance of the credible evidence, that her grandson, S.J.L., was entitled to a free public education in the District's schools during the 2003-2004 school year.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the OAL is adopted for the reasons expressed therein. The Petition of Appeal is dismissed and petitioner is hereby directed to pay the Board tuition, in the amount of \$7,130, for the period of S.J.L.'s ineligible attendance in the District's schools.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: December 22, 2004

Date of Mailing: December 23, 2004

* This decision 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.*