

AGENCY DKT. NO. 405-11/06

AMENDED DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF CHRIS CASTANO, :

JERSEY CITY COMMUNITY CHARTER : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL, HUDSON COUNTY. :

The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29 solely for review of the Commission’s recommended penalty, have been reviewed. No comments were filed by the respondent, but the required disclosure statement was filed on November 13, 2006.¹

Upon review, in light of the respondent’s filing of the necessary disclosure statement prior to issuance of the Commissioner’s decision in this matter, the Commissioner adopts the Commission’s recommended penalty of censure, additionally admonishing the respondent for the delaying in filing the requisite statement, in that such disregard of the law has resulted in a waste of administrative and adjudicative time by local, county and State education officials.

Accordingly, the above-named respondent is hereby censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: December 26, 2006

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¹ The Commissioner was notified of this filing on December 18, 2006, subsequent to issuance of a decision in this matter; hence, it is necessary to issue the within amended decision.

* This decision, as the Commissioner’s final determination regarding penalty in the instant matter, 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.*