

AGENCY DKT. NO. 210-7/08

IN THE MATTER OF RUSSELL WHITE, :
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES : DECISION
SCHOOL DISTRICT, MERCER 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 for final determination on the Commission's recommended penalty, have been reviewed. Respondent did not file exceptions, nor did he appeal the Commission's underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission and additionally admonishes respondent for failing to honor an obligation placed upon board members by law, since such failure has resulted in unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby suspended as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act, such suspension to remain in effect until the required training is completed; provided, however, that if such training is not completed by the November 15, 2008 training session, respondent shall be summarily removed from office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: September 10, 2008

Date of Mailing: September 11, 2008

* This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L.* 2008, *c.* 36.