

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
ROBERT DUFFIELD : ORDER OF REVOCATION
_____ : DOCKET NO. NSC 02/02-15

At its meeting of February 21, 2002, the State Board of Examiners reviewed an affidavit received from Robert Duffield who holds a Teacher of Elementary School certificate in New Jersey. Duffield pled guilty to charges of aggravated sexual assault upon one of his students and was sentenced to six years in State prison. In addition, the Stow Creek Township School District certified tenure charges against him that were predicated on his conduct with the student at issue and he was removed from his tenured position with the district. As a result of the criminal proceedings and the tenure hearing, on April 5, 2001 the State Board of Examiners had issued Duffield an Order to Show Cause why his certificate should not be revoked or suspended.

Once Duffield received the Order to Show Cause, he and the Board of Examiners entered into a settlement agreement that included the voluntary surrender of his teaching certificate. In accord with the agreement, Duffield forwarded to the State Board of Examiners the original of the certificate at issue.

In furtherance of that agreement, Duffield submitted to the State Board of Examiners an affidavit waiving his right to a hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:11-3.6 and acknowledging that the surrender of his certificate would have the force and effect of a revocation. The affidavit was reviewed at the February 2002 State Board of Examiners meeting.

Having confirmed that the certificate holder agreed to the revocation of his certificate, it is therefore, ORDERED, that Robert Duffield's Teacher of Elementary School certificate be revoked on this 21st day of February 2002.

Joan E. Brady, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: March 12, 2003