

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
TEACHING CERTIFICATES)
OF WILLIAM JOHNSON) STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
) DOCKET NO. 0708-129

DECISION

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to William Johnson as to why his School Administrator, Principal/Supervisor, Teacher of Health Education and Teacher of Physical Education certificates should not be suspended for a period of two years. The Order to Show Cause was based on information provided to the State Board of Examiners by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC). The OFAC report advised that Johnson, a principal at the John Witherspoon Middle School in the Princeton Regional School District, failed to take action when two middle school students reported to him that a teacher at the school was engaging in cyber sex and phone sex with a middle school student. According to the OFAC report, Johnson did not report the teacher's conduct to the police or the Division of Youth and Family Services, thereby violating the district's notification procedures. After the certification matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Johnson presented a settlement proposal to the Board in which he would retire on July 1, 2010 and relinquish all of his certificates to the Board of Examiners on that date for a period of two years. After reviewing the settlement proposal, at its meeting of December 2, 2009, the Board of Examiners voted to accept the proposal. Accordingly, on this 2nd day of December 2009, it is Ordered that William

Johnson shall submit his original School Administrator, Principal/Supervisor, Teacher of Health Education and Teacher of Physical Education certificates to the Board of Examiners on July 1, 2010.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision: December 2, 2009

Date of Mailing: