

SB #12-98

IN THE MATTER OF THE DENIAL OF :
THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE ERNEST L. BOYER CHARTER : DECISION
BASIC SCHOOL, CAMDEN COUNTY. :

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, January 21, 1998

For the Appellant, Shirley M. Williams, pro se

The Ernest L. Boyer Charter Basic School (hereinafter "appellant") filed an appeal to the State Board of Education from a letter decision of the Commissioner of Education dated January 21, 1998 denying its application to establish a charter school in the 1998-99 academic year. The Commissioner indicated that the application needed to be strengthened in the following areas: Goals and objectives not innovative; discriminatory admissions policy; no link between curriculum and New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards; extensive partnership with National Institute for Integrated Family Services to provide curriculum development, policy development, coordination and advocacy; excessive non-instructional costs; and budget with year-end deficit.

We have considered the arguments made by appellant in light of the record provided to us on behalf of the Commissioner, including the reviewers' recommendation to deny the application. On the basis of this review, we conclude that

appellant has failed to demonstrate an entitlement to establish a charter school pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-1 et seq. Therefore, the State Board of Education affirms the Commissioner's decision to deny appellant the grant of a charter for 1998-99.

March 4, 1998

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