AGENCY DKT. NO. 211-6/98

IN THE MATTER OF RONNIE TROUT, : LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION EDUCATION, CUMBERLAND : DECISION COUNTY. :

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission has acted pursuant to the authority granted to it by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-21 *et seq.* to recommend removal of the above-named Board member from office for failure to attend the Board member training sessions required by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33 and *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.4; and

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission sent ample notice to the above-named Board member of her failure to attend such training sessions; and

Whereas, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.3(i), on April 15, 1998, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause why a penalty should not be imposed for such failure; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member responded that she could not attend the sessions for which she was registered due to scheduling conflicts, but that she would attend as soon as possible; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on May 26, 1998, to recommend removal of the abovenamed Board member for failure to attend training sessions in violation of State statute, finding that she had failed to offer good and sufficient reason for her failure to attend one of the sessions during the year, memorializing such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29; and

Whereas, on May 27, 1998, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member acknowledged her failure to supply a sufficient reason but replied that she had registered for the October 1998 training session and requested being allowed to continue on the Board; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, and finding that the above-named Board member failed to offer good and sufficient reason for her failure to comply with the requirements of the law, concurs with and adopts as his own the recommendations of the Commission; now therefore

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Board member is removed from office as of the date of this decision.

## COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 1, 1998