

CLINTON BARLOW, :
PETITIONER, :
V. : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF : DECISION
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AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE :
HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL :
DISTRICT, HUNTERDON COUNTY, :
RESPONDENTS. :
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SYNOPSIS

Petitioner demanded that respondents amend their records for his daughter, J.K.C., to reflect his surname in addition to her mother's surname.

The ALJ determined to dismiss the matter without prejudice because the issues of visitation, alleged harassment and emotional distress set forth in petitioner's writings are proper matters for the Superior Court, Family Division, and petitioner's dispute with respondents is limited since respondent South Hunterdon has indicated it will amend its records if presented with appropriate documentation.

The Commissioner adopted as his own the recommendation of the ALJ to dismiss the matter without prejudice to petitioner pursuing the issue of his daughter's legal surname in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

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The record and initial decision issued by the Office of Administrative Law have been reviewed. No exceptions were filed by the parties.

Upon review, the Commissioner agrees with and adopts as his own the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to dismiss the petition for the reasons expressed in the initial decision.

Accordingly, the matter is hereby dismissed, without prejudice to petitioner pursuing the issue of his daughter's legal surname in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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* This decision, as the Commissioner's final determination in the instant matter, may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-27 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 6:2-1.1 et seq.*, within 30 days of its filing. Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.