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AGENCY DKT. NO. 143-6/99

IN THE MATTER OF :

PATRICIANNE G. WILDER, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

VICTORY GARDENS BOARD : DECISION

OF EDUCATION, MORRIS :

COUNTY. :

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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 26, 1999, 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 failed to respond to such Order; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on May 26, 1999, to recommend removal of the above-named Board member for failure to attend the required training program for the one year allowed for such attendance in violation of State statute, and upon the above-named Board

member's failure to offer reason for her non-attendance, memorializing such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29; and

Whereas, on June 7, 1999, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution recommending removal; and

Whereas, no response was forthcoming; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission and 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