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COUNTY,	:	
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RESPONDENT.	:	
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SYNOPSIS

Petitioning teachers alleged the District improperly withheld their salary increments for the 1996-97 school year.

The ALJ concluded that Petitioner Sullivan (Petitioner Blazakis having withdrawn her petition) did not demonstrate by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the withholding of her salary increment was arbitrary, capricious or otherwise contrary to law and dismissed the petition. The Commissioner agreed with and adopted the recommended decision of the ALJ dismissing the petition for the reasons set forth in the initial decision.

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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 of the record, the Commissioner agrees with and adopts the recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge dismissing the petition for the reasons set forth in the initial decision.

Accordingly, the Petition of Appeal is hereby dismissed.\*

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.