

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE :  
CITY OF WOODBURY, :  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY, :  
PETITIONER, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
V. : DECISION  
NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT :  
OF EDUCATION *ET AL.*, :  
RESPONDENT. :  
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#### SYNOPSIS

Petitioning Board alleged that the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 (CEIFA) was being misapplied to the District and that the Department was violating applicable statutes and regulations regarding the amount of aid to be disbursed.

The ALJ found that there was no genuine issue of material fact and the matter could be decided by summary decision. Respondent argued, and, subsequent to filing of the petition, the District conceded based on the *Hammonton* Appellate Division decision, that it properly calculated the District's state aid pursuant to the Fiscal Year '04 Appropriations Act, under which each school district in New Jersey was entitled to receive the same amount of state aid it received during the 2002-03 school year. Petition was dismissed.

The Commissioner adopted the Initial Decision as his own.

<p>This synopsis is not part of the Commissioner's decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commissioner.</p>
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April 28, 2004

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AGENCY DKT. NO. 278-7/03

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The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law have been reviewed. No exceptions were filed by the parties.

Upon review, the Commissioner fully concurs with the analysis and conclusion of the Administrative Law Judge finding, for reasons conceded by petitioner, that the instant matter is appropriately dismissed on a summary basis.

Accordingly, for the reasons expressed therein, the Initial Decision is adopted as the final decision in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED. \*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: April 28, 2004

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\* This decision 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.* 6A:4-1.1 *et seq.*