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JOHN T. LAMKIN,

PETITIONER,

V. : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH : DECISION

ORANGE-MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT,

ESSEX COUNTY, :

RESPONDENT. :

The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law have been reviewed by the Deputy Commissioner to whom this matter has been delegated for decision, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:4-33.

Upon a careful and independent review of the record in this matter, the Deputy Commissioner concurs with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that the District acted in accordance with the Comprehensive Education Improvement and Financing Act, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:7F-1 *et seq.*, and Department of Education regulations in establishing its 2003-04 net T&E budget and in including items that were contained in the base 2002-03 budget as a separate proposal in the 2003-04 budget.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the ALJ is adopted for the reasons expressed therein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 13, 2005

Date of Mailing: January 13, 2005

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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*