

AGENCY DKT. NO. 405-11/06

IN THE MATTER OF CHRIS CASTANO, :
JERSEY CITY COMMUNITY CHARTER : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL, HUDSON COUNTY. : DECISION

The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29 solely for review of the Commission's recommended penalty, have been reviewed. No comments were filed by the respondent and the required disclosure statement had not been filed as of the date of this decision.

Upon such review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission and additionally admonishes the respondent for failure to file the requisite statement, in that such disregard of the law has resulted in a waste of administrative and adjudicative time by local, county and State education officials.

Accordingly, the above-named respondent is hereby suspended as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act, such suspension to remain in effect until the completed disclosure statement(s) are filed, provided, however, that if such statement(s) are not filed within 30 days of the mailing date of this decision, the above-named respondent shall be summarily removed from office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: December 12, 2006

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* This decision, as the Commissioner's final determination regarding penalty 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. 6A:4-1.1 et seq.*