

AGENCY DKT. NO. 12-1/06

IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA J. BONDS, :
STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
NEWARK, ESSEX COUNTY : AMENDED DECISION

This matter comes before the Commissioner by way of a May 3, 2006 remand by the State Board of Education. Therein, the Commissioner was directed to consider the additional information supplied to the State Board in conjunction with the respondent's appeal of the Acting Commissioner's January 27, 2006 decision in this matter, and to determine whether to accept the recommended penalty of the School Ethics Commission in light of such information.

Upon review of the expanded record, which demonstrates that the respondent did, in fact, file completed disclosure statements prior to issuance of the Acting Commissioner's decision – albeit without the Acting Commissioner's knowledge – the Commissioner concurs with the Commission that reprimand rather than suspension is the appropriate penalty in this matter. As before, however, the Commissioner admonishes the respondent for failure to timely file the requisite statements, in that such delay has resulted in a waste of administrative and adjudicative time by local, county and State education officials.

Accordingly, the above-named respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: May 10, 2006
Date of Mailing: May 10, 2006

* 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.* Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.4(a)*, Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.