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PETITIONER,

V. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

DECISION

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, ESSEX COUNTY,

RESPONDENT.

SYNOPSIS

Petitioner filed a pro se residency appeal on behalf of her child in September 2010. The respondent filed an answer and requested that the petition be dismissed. Petitioner received appropriate notice of a hearing on December 13, 2010, but failed to appear and provided no explanation for her nonappearance. Having received no explanation from the petitioner for her non-appearance, the OAL returned the file to the Commissioner.

There being no explanation filed, the Commissioner dismissed the petition with prejudice.

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.

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The record of this matter – transmitted to the Commissioner by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-14.4, and including an advisement of petitioner's failure to appear at the OAL hearing scheduled for December 13, 2010 – has been reviewed. Petitioner filed no explanation for her failure to appear, notwithstanding the opportunity to do so. Accordingly, this matter is no longer deemed to be a contested case before the Commissioner and is hereby dismissed with prejudice.*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

DECISION

Date of Decision: January 25, 2011

Date of Mailing: January 26, 2011

^{*} This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to P.L. 2008, c. 36 (N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1).