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New Jersey Commissioner of Education
Final Decision

In the Matter of Jose Rodriguez,
Board of Education of the City of Elizabeth,
Union County.

The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (SEC) have been reviewed. The SEC found that respondent violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-26 when he failed to disclose income from his position as President of the Watchung Hills Regional Education Association on his disclosure statements. The SEC recommended a penalty of censure. The SEC's decision was forwarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 for the Commissioner's final determination on the recommended penalty. Respondent did not file exceptions to the recommended penalty, nor was the SEC's underlying finding of a violation appealed to the Commissioner pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the SEC. Accordingly, the respondent shall be censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: 7/17/20
Date of Mailing: 7/17/20

¹ 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).