

New Jersey Commissioner of Education

Decision

In the Matter of the Suspension of the
Teaching Certificates of Joya Anderson,
Board of Trustees of the Achieve Community
Charter School, Essex County.

For petitioner, Thomas O. Johnston, Esq.

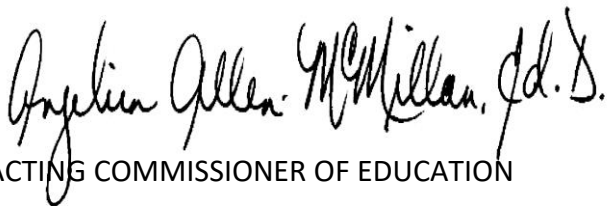
For respondent, Joya Anderson, *pro se*

This matter was opened before the Commissioner of Education on February 1, 2022, by way of a petition and an Order to Show Cause served by the Board of Trustees of the Achieve Community Charter School (Board) upon respondent, Joya Anderson, requiring her to show cause why an order should not be entered suspending her teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* for resigning without giving the notice required by her teaching contract. On February 8, 2022, the respondent sent email communication to the Board indicating that she would not be contesting the petition or the suspension of her teaching certificate.

The petition submitted by the Board in this matter states that the respondent submitted her written resignation to the Board on December 22, 2021, with an effective date of January 2, 2022 – well short of the sixty day-notice required by the respondent’s contract. The respondent has not denied these allegations; therefore, the Commissioner deems such allegations to be admitted pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.5(e)* and further deems them sufficient to justify suspension of respondent’s teaching certification pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10*.

Accordingly, summary decision is hereby granted to the petitioner, and respondent's teaching certification is suspended for a period of one year from the filing date of this decision, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for implementation of the suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹


ANGELINA ALLEN McMILLAN, J.D.S.
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: February 23, 2022
Date of Mailing: February 23, 2022

¹ This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-9.1. Under *N.J.Ct.R.* 2:4-1(b), a notice of appeal must be filed with the Appellate Division within 45 days from the date of mailing of this decision.