

**New Jersey Commissioner of Education**  
**Final Decision**

T.M., on behalf of minor child, J.M.,

Petitioner,

v.

Board of Education of the South Orange-  
Maplewood School District, Essex County,

Respondent.

The record of this matter and the advisement by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.4*, of petitioner's failure to appear at an August 17, 2022 hearing have been reviewed.

Petitioner filed a hand-written explanation asserting that he missed the hearing because he was preparing for a job interview. The petitioner further states that he wishes to continue with the process in the interests of his son.

Based upon the petitioner's timely written explanation for his nonappearance, this matter is being retransmitted to the OAL for further disposition, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 1:1-3.3(b)*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
ANGELINA ALLEN McMILLAN, Ed.D.  
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: September 26, 2022  
Date of Mailing: September 26, 2022