

New Jersey Commissioner of Education

Final Decision

In the Matter of the Suspension of the
Teaching Certificates of Amanda Ramppen,
Team Academy Charter School, Inc.,
Essex County.

This matter was opened before the Commissioner of Education on June 27, 2023, by way of an Order to Show Cause served by petitioner (Team Academy Charter School, Inc.) upon respondent (Amanda Ramppen), requiring respondent to show cause why an order should not be entered suspending her teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:28-8* for resigning without giving the notice required by law.

While awaiting proof of service from petitioner, the Office of Controversies and Disputes received a letter from respondent on July 25, 2023, stating that after careful consideration, she stood by her decision to resign due to health issues and would accept any resulting consequences, including the suspension of her teaching certificates. The letter also stated that she would not be retaining legal representation to contest the suspension.

The petition and supporting exhibits submitted by petitioner in this matter indicate that: respondent entered into a contract to work as a teacher for the 2022-23 school year; the contract provides that it can be terminated by the employee upon sixty days' written notice; and that on April 17, 2023, respondent sent correspondence to petitioner indicating that she was resigning, effective May 1, 2023, thereby providing less than the required sixty days' notice. 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(a)* and further deems them sufficient to justify suspension of respondent's teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:28-8*.

Accordingly, summary decision is hereby granted to petitioner, and respondent's teaching certificates are 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.
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: August 21, 2023

Date of Mailing: August 23, 2023

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.