IN THE MATTER OF
DORIS GRAVES

: BEFORE THE SCHOOL
ETHICS COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION OF CENSURE

PLEASANTVILLE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ATLANTIC COUNTY

SEC DKT. NO. C40-10 OAL DKT. NO. 4891-11

AGENCY DKT. NO. 246-13SEC

WHEREAS, Doris Graves is a member of the Pleasantville Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission found that Ms. Graves violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b) of the School Ethics Act and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(d), (e), and (i) of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members within the School Ethics Act; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended that the Acting Commissioner impose a penalty of censure on Doris Graves; and

WHEREAS, by Consent Order dated June 25, 2013, the Acting Commissioner concurred with the Commission's recommendation and imposed a penalty of censure on Doris Graves; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:28-6.11(d) provides that, for a penalty of censure, suspension or removal, a Resolution shall be adopted at the Commission's next meeting following the Commissioner's decision and shall be read at the next public meeting of the district board following its adoption and posted in such places as the board posts its public notices for 30 days;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Ethics Commission hereby adopts this Resolution stating that Doris Graves is hereby censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pleasantville Board of Education is ordered to read this resolution at its next regularly scheduled public meeting following the Commission's adoption on July 30, 2013 and the board's receipt of the censure and to post it in such places as the board posts its public notices for 30 days.

Robert W. Bender, Chairperson School Ethics Commission

School States Commission

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at the July 30, 2013 meeting of the School Ethics Commission.

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: CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Petitioner, New Jersey Department of Education, School Ethics Commission ("SEC") and Respondent, Doris Graves, ("Respondent") have mutually agreed to settle the above-captioned matter, with JOHN J. HOFFMAN, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, by Beth N. Shore, Deputy Attorney General, appearing on behalf of the SEC, and Raymond L. Hamlin, Esq., appearing on behalf of Respondent; and

WHEREAS, this matter arose from the SEC=s decision of March 22, 2011 finding probable cause to credit the allegations that Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2011, the SEC modified the Probable Cause Notice, to credit the allegations that Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 12-24.1(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i); and

WHEREAS, the settlement of this matter shall not constitute precedent or be considered an admission of guilt in other pending or future litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to settle the above-captioned matter upon the following terms:

- 1. Respondent acknowledges that her action constituted a violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(d), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e), and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(i).
- 2. The parties agree that the SEC will recommend that the Commissioner impose the penalty of a censure.
- 3. The Commissioner agrees that he will adopt the SEC's recommendation and impose the penalty of a censure for the conduct described in the attached affidavit.
- 4. By accepting the penalty of a censure, Respondent agrees to waive any and all hearings to which she is entitled pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29 and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-10.7, and Respondent further agrees that she will not oppose the censure.

	5.	The	parties	agree	that	this	s Con	sent	Order	fully
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The parties agree that this Consent Order fully 5. resolves all issues between them arising from the SEC's March

22/2011 Decision finding probable cause.

Raymond L. Hamlin, Esq.

Attorney for Respondent

Date: (\ 14/13

Deputy Attorney General Attorney for Petitioner Date: 6/25/13

Approved as to penalty:

corf Susana E. Guerrero

Acting Commissioner of Education

Date: 6/25/13

IN THE MATTER OF) BEFORE THE NEW JERSEY
OF DORIS GRAVES) SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION

SEC Docket No. C40-10

Administrative Action

AFFIDAVIT OF DORIS GRAVES

Doris Graves, of full age, being duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:

- 1. I was the President of the Board of Education for Pleasantville Public Schools ("Board") during the 2009-2010 school year.
- Effective January 2013, I no longer serve as a member of Board.
- I am aware that on June 29, 2010, Dr. Gloria Grantham, 3. of Pleasantville Public then-superintendent the graduating Schools. barred two seniors from participating in graduation ceremonies, due to safety concerns stemming from a report by the Pleasantville Police Department.
- I am aware that Dr. Grantham based her decision to bar these two students from participating in graduation on information she received from the Pleasantville Police Department that these two graduating seniors may be the intended targets of a possible shooting planned for June 29, 2010.

- I acknowledge that on June 29, 2010, I telephoned Dr.

 Grantham instructing her to allow one of the two graduating seniors, whom she had barred from participating in the graduation ceremonies, to participate in the ceremonies.
- 6. I am aware that the day after the graduation ceremonies, a shooting occurred in Pleasantville that resulted in a bystander being shot.
- 7. It is my understanding that the target of the shooting was the student whom I had instructed Dr. Grantham to allow to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
- 8. I acknowledge that my conduct, set forth above in paragraph five, violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(d), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e), and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(i).
- 9. I agree to accept a penalty of censure for my conduct as set forth in paragraph five.
- 10. I acknowledge that in signing this affidavit I have secured the advice of an attorney and I understand the terms of this agreement.

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Doris Graves

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 24th day

, 2013

Raymond L. Hamlin, Esquire