

Ethics Commission was advised by the County Superintendent that this school official did not file the disclosure statements as required by the Act. The Commission notes that the school official filed the disclosure statements on November 28, 2007. The Commission finds probable cause to credit the allegation that the school official violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 26. The Commission also finds that the material facts are not in dispute and, therefore the school official's failure to timely file the disclosure statements constitutes a clear violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 26.

DECISION/PENALTY RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that Karen Watt violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 26. The Commission recommends that the Commissioner of Education impose a sanction of reprimand.

This decision has been adopted by a formal resolution of the School Ethics Commission. This matter shall now be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education for action on the Commission's recommendation **for sanction only**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29. Within 13 days from the date on which the Commission's decision was mailed to the parties, the school official may file written comments on the recommended sanction with the Commissioner of Education, c/o Bureau of Controversies and Disputes, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625, marked "Attention: Comments on Ethics Commission Sanction." A copy of any comments filed must be sent to the School Ethics Commission and all other parties.

Paul C. Garbarini
Chairperson

Resolution Adopting Decision – D15-07

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission has considered its Order to Show Cause in this matter; and

Whereas, at its meeting of December 18, 2007, the Commission found that Karen Watt violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 26; and

Whereas, at its meeting of December 18, 2007, the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education impose a sanction of reprimand; and

Whereas, the Commission reviewed this draft decision as prepared by its staff;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Commission hereby adopts the proposed decision referenced as its decision in this matter and directs its staff to notify all parties to this action of the Commission's decision herein.

Paul C. Garbarini, Chairperson

I hereby certify that the Resolution was duly adopted by the School Ethics Commission at its public meeting on December 18, 2007.

Joanne Boyle
Executive Director