

July 24, 2006

Ms. Janet Braker

Re: In the Matter of the Application for Certification of Janet Braker
Docket No. 0506-288

Dear Ms. Braker:

At its meeting of June 8, 2006, the State Board of Examiners considered the appeal that you filed challenging the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials that you were ineligible for a Principal Certificate of Eligibility. After reviewing your documentation, at its July 20, 2006 meeting, the Board of Examiners voted to deny your appeal because you did not demonstrate that you satisfied the regulatory prerequisites for principal certification.

Specifically, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-12.5(a)*, an applicant for principal certification must hold a master's degree in educational leadership or in a recognized field of leadership or management such as public administration, business administration or curriculum and instruction. Although you possess a master's degree, it is not in one of the above enumerated areas. In addition, although you completed some coursework in a Principal program at Arcadia University, the nine credits you achieved fall short of the 30 credits required by *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-12.5(a)liii*. Furthermore, some of your coursework in the required fields of study were not undertaken at the graduate level. Finally, as you noted yourself, in order to receive a CE based upon your out-of-state certificate, you would need to demonstrate five years of successful full-time experience under the out-of-state certificate. The board noted that you have only two years of documented experience under your certificate. Accordingly, the Board found that you do not satisfy the criteria for certification as a principal in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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By certified and regular mail

Date of mailing: JULY 24, 2006

This matter may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1 et seq.*