

November 8, 2006

Mr. Anthony Jones

Re: In the Matter of the Application for Certification of Anthony Jones
Docket No. 0607-108

Dear Mr. Jones:

As you are aware, you have appealed the determination that you are ineligible for the Principal Certificate of Eligibility (CE) because you did not take and pass the appropriate Praxis test for the certification you are seeking. At its meeting of September 21, 2006, the State Board of Examiners reviewed the information that you provided in support of your appeal. After careful consideration, at its November 2, 2006 meeting, the Board voted to deny your appeal because the documentation that you submitted failed to prove that you are entitled to the Principal CE.

Although you had a passing score on the Praxis test you took in March 2004, that test is no longer the appropriate test for the certification you are seeking. The test requirement changed as of September 1, 2005, so your exam fails to meet the current requirement. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-5.16(a)*, a candidate is subject "to all requirements in effect at the time the application is received in the Office." Furthermore, according to the same regulation, "applications shall be deemed filed with the Office when the application and all required supporting documentation has been received." *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-5.16(a)*. By your own admission, you misunderstood the application and inadvertently applied for a certificate you already possessed. On your application submitted March 29, 2005, you listed "Social Studies" under the section entitled "Transaction Requested." However, your correct, complete application for a principal's CE was not submitted until September 12, 2006, well after the test requirement was changed on September 1, 2005. Accordingly, your appeal of the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials regarding your application for a Principal Certificate of Eligibility is denied.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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By certified and regular mail

Date of mailing: November 8, 2006

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