

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
LOURDES LEON : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
_____ : DOCKET NO. 1112-230

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Lourdes Leon as to why her teaching certificates should not be revoked. Leon currently holds Teacher of Elementary School and Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education certificates, both issued in March 1994, a Principal Certificate of Eligibility and Supervisor certificate, both issued in February 2001, a Principal certificate, issued in December 2003, and a School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, issued in September 2004. After the teaching certification matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Leon presented a proposal to the Board in which she would agree to a five-year suspension of her administrative certificates. Leon did not admit to the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of May 22, 2014, the Board voted to accept it. Accordingly, on this 22nd day of May 2014, Lourdes Leon's Principal Certificate of Eligibility, School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, and Supervisor and Principal certificates are hereby SUSPENDED for a period of five years, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Leon return the above-mentioned suspended certificates to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Licensure, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within 30 days of the effective date of the suspension.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision:

Date of Mailing: