

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE CERTIFICATE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
JAMES H. COTTINGHAM : ORDER OF REVOCATION  
\_\_\_\_\_ : DOCKET NO. 1516-211

At its meeting of September 16, 2016, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office had submitted regarding James H. Cottingham. On August 9, 2016, Cottingham pled guilty to Harassment-Communication in a Manner to Cause Alarm. Cottingham was sentenced to one year of probation, fined and ordered to relinquish his teaching certificate. Cottingham currently holds a Teacher of Art certificate, issued in March 1998.

Cottingham agreed to relinquish his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in his affidavit to that effect to the Board. At its meeting of September 16, 2016, the Board voted to accept Cottingham's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.7*.

Accordingly, on this 16th day of September 2016 it is therefore ORDERED that James H. Cottingham's Teacher of Art certificate be revoked effective immediately.

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Robert R. Higgins, Secretary  
State Board of Examiners

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**Date of Mailing:**  
**via certified and regular mail**

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.3(b)*.