IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE CREDENTIAL OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

JOANNE M. BENZONI : ORDER OF REVOCATION

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At its meeting of June 29, 2018, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice had forwarded regarding Joanne M. Benzoni. On February 7, 2018, Benzoni pled guilty to Theft By Deception. On March 28, 2018, Benzoni was sentenced to one year of probation, ordered to comply with substance abuse screenings and evaluations and fined. As a result of the conviction, Benzoni was disqualified from public school employment pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-7.1 *et seq.* Benzoni currently holds a Substitute Credential, which expires in January 2020.

Benzoni agreed to relinquish her credential with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in her affidavit to that effect to the Board. At its meeting of June 29, 2018, the Board voted to accept Benzoni's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9B-4.7.

Accordingly, on this 29th day of June 2018, it is therefore ORDERED that Joanne M. Benzoni's Substitute Credential is hereby revoked, effective immediately.

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).