

EDU #8583-96  
C # 264-97  
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M.F., on behalf of minor child, S.L.T., :  
PETITIONER-APPELLANT, :  
V. : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN- : DECISION  
SHIP OF NEPTUNE, MONMOUTH  
COUNTY, :  
RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT. :

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Decided by the Commissioner of Education, May 19, 1997

For the Petitioner-Appellant, M.F., pro se

For the Respondent-Respondent, Hundley & Parry (James T. Hundley, Esq.,  
of Counsel)

The decision of the Commissioner of Education dismissing the petition in this matter is affirmed for the reasons expressed therein. We agree with the Commissioner that school personnel acted appropriately in seeking an immediate psychiatric evaluation of petitioner's granddaughter after she tightened a belt around her neck and threatened to commit suicide. However, we also remind the Board of the importance of its staff following its express written procedures for handling such exigencies.

September 3, 1997

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