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SB # 65-00

IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE :
OF A TEACHING CERTIFICATE TO : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LINDA J. AVELLINO. : DECISION

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, October 2, 2000

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The decision of the Commissioner of Education sustaining the determination by the State Board of Examiners to deny the issuance of a standard certificate to the petitioner is affirmed for the reasons expressed therein. In so doing, we stress that the alternate route program was intended to be "stringent." In the Matter of the Final Grant of a Charter for the Englewood on the Palisades Charter School, decided by the State Board of Education, December 1, 1999, slip op. at 7, appeal pending (App. Div.) Like the Commissioner, we agree with the Administrative Law Judge that the after-school enrichment program run by the petitioner did not constitute substantial compliance with the intensive provisional teacher training program contemplated by the regulations for alternative route candidates.

March 7, 2001

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