C # 461-03L SB # 34-03

M.W., on behalf of minor child, T.W.,

PETITIONER-APPELLANT, :

V. : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC

COUNTY, :

DECISION

RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT.:

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, August 14, 2003

Decided by the State Board of Education, September 11, 2003

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

For the Respondent-Respondent, Cooper Levenson (William S. Donio, Esq., of Counsel)

The decision of the Commissioner of Education is affirmed for the reasons expressed therein. In so doing, we remind the appellant that her son can still pursue a college education by obtaining a GED or enrolling in a community college program that would allow him to obtain a high school diploma while earning college credits, and, given the circumstances detailed in her letter brief and supporting papers, we strongly encourage him to do so.

We deny the appellant's request for oral argument as not necessary for a fair determination of this matter. N.J.A.C. 6A:4-3.2.

February 4, 2004		
Date of mailing		