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RESPONDENT.

SYNOPSIS

Petitioner filed a *pro se* residency appeal on behalf of his children in May 2011. A hearing at the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) was scheduled for March 1, 2012. Petitioner received appropriate notice of the scheduled hearing, but failed to appear and provided no explanation for his nonappearance. No counterclaim was filed by the respondent Board.

There being no explanation filed for petitioner's nonappearance, the Commissioner dismissed the petition with prejudice.

This synopsis is not part of the Commissioner's decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commissioner.

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The record of this matter - transmitted to the Commissioner by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.4, and including an advisement of petitioner's failure to appear at the scheduled March 1, 2012 OAL hearing – has been reviewed. Petitioner filed no explanation for his failure to appear, notwithstanding the opportunity to do so. Accordingly, this matter is no longer deemed to be a contested case before the Commissioner and is hereby dismissed with prejudice.*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: April 3, 2012

Date of Mailing: April 4, 2012

This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to P.L. 2008, c. 36 (N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1).