

#195-12

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLOSING OF :
SEA ISLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CAPE MAY COUNTY. : DECISION
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This matter was instituted by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education (“Commissioner”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:7F-60 and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:3-3.1, on April 30, 2012 when he issued an order to show cause which ordered (1) that the Sea Isle City Board of Education (“Sea Isle”) show cause why the Commissioner should not determine that Sea Isle cannot operate effectively and efficiently in order to enable students to achieve the core curriculum content standards, and direct the closure of the Sea Isle School District; and (2) that Sea Isle and the Ocean City Board of Education (“Ocean City”) show cause why the Commissioner should not recommend to the State Board that it order Ocean City to expand the send/receive relationship with Sea Isle pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:38-8.

The Department of Education received a resolution from the Sea Isle City School District Board of Education dated May 1, 2012 which states that they do not object and shall not oppose 1) the Order to Show Cause issued by the Commissioner to the Sea Isle City Board of Education to show cause why the Commissioner should not determine that Sea Isle cannot operate effectively and efficiently in order to enable students to achieve the core curriculum content standards, and direct the closure of the Sea Isle School District, or 2) the Order to Show Cause why the Commissioner should not recommend to the State Board that it order Ocean City to expand the send/receive relationship with Sea Isle pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:38-8.

In addition, the Department of Education received a resolution from the Ocean City School District Board of Education dated May 1, 2012 which states they do not object and shall not oppose the Order to Show Cause issued by the Commissioner that Sea Isle and the Ocean City Board of Education show cause why the Commissioner should not recommend to the State Board that it order Ocean City to expand the send/receive relationship with Sea Isle pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8*.

It is therefore ordered that the Sea Isle City School District shall be closed effective June 30, 2012. Further, the Commissioner of Education hereby requests the State Board of Education to order the expansion of the send/receive relationship between Sea Isle City and Ocean City to include grades kindergarten through third pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8*.

Acting Commissioner of Education

Date of Decision: May 7, 2012

Date of Mailing: May 7, 2012