

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :  
OF THE TEACHING CERTIFICATE OF :  
LAUREN NORMYLE, BOARD OF EDUCATION: COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, :  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY. :  
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DECISION

SYNOPSIS

In December 2012, the Commissioner of Education issued an Order to Show Cause upon respondent, requiring her to show cause why an order should not be entered suspending her teaching certificate for unprofessional conduct pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:26-10 and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9-17.9 – for resigning her position on inadequate notice. The respondent failed to answer the order. Respondent was duly advised that, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:3-1.5(e), failure to respond would cause each allegation raised by the Board to be deemed admitted, and might result in summary decision by the Commissioner.

There being no response to the order to show cause, the Commissioner concluded that the allegations – which respondent has chosen not to deny – may be deemed admitted, and justify suspension of respondent’s certification. Accordingly, summary decision is granted to petitioner, and respondent’s certificate is suspended for a period of one year from the date of the filing of this decision – a copy of which has been forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for the purpose of effectuating this order.

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| 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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January 30, 2013

AGENCY DKT. NO. 358-12/12

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For the Petitioning Board, Douglas Silvestro, Esq. (Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein  
 & Celso, LLC)

This matter having been opened by way of Motion for an Order to Show Cause before the Commissioner of Education by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison, seeking suspension of the instructional certificate of Lauren Normyle for resigning from employment on inadequate notice; and

The Commissioner having issued, on December 6, 2012, an Order directing Ms. Normyle to show cause why further order should not be entered suspending her teaching certificate for unprofessional conduct pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.9*; and

The Order and accompanying Affidavit of Richard O’Malley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools of the Edison Township Board of Education, having been sent by the Board via certified and regular mail and electronic mail to Lauren Normyle; and

The Commissioner having directed respondent, by notice dated December 12, 2012, to submit an answer within 20 days of receipt of the Order; and

There being no Answer filed in that time, the Commissioner provided respondent – by notice dated January 3, 2013, sent via certified and regular mail<sup>1</sup> – an additional 10 days to file an Answer, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.3(e)*, or else allegations raised by the Board would be deemed true and this matter would be resolved in summary fashion by the Commissioner of Education; and

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<sup>1</sup> The green card indicating receipt of the certified letter by Ms. Normyle was received by the Bureau of Controversies and Disputes on January 7, 2013.

As of this date, Ms. Normyle has not provided an Answer to the Show Cause Order and, therefore, the board's allegations against her are deemed to be admitted; and

Ms. Normyle having ceased to perform her teaching duties in the Edison Township School District before the expiration of the term of her employment, without the Board's consent, and under the circumstances set forth in the Affidavit of Richard O'Malley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools of the Edison Township Board of Education, and, thereby, Lauren Normyle being deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.9*; now therefore

IT IS ORDERED on this 30th day of January 2013, that Lauren Normyle's instructional certificate shall be suspended for a period of one year, to commence upon the date of this decision. A copy of this decision is hereby forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for the purpose of effectuating this order and taking such further action, if any, as it deems appropriate.<sup>2</sup>

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 30, 2013

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<sup>2</sup> This decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-27 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.1 et seq.*