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OAL DKT. NO. EDU 9361-12  
AGENCY DKT. NO. 126-4/12

DEIRDRE BRIDGEMAN, :  
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 PETITIONER, :  
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 V. : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
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 NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF : DECISION  
 EDUCATION, CRIMINAL HISTORY :  
 REVIEW UNIT, :  
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 RESPONDENT. :

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The record of this matter – wherein petitioner challenges the suspension of her school bus license, notwithstanding that she admittedly left a student on the bus after the completion of her route – and the advisement of the petitioner’s failure to appear at the scheduled hearing, transmitted to the Commissioner by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-14.4, along with copies of notifications sent to the petitioner by the OAL on January 28, 2013 providing her thirteen (13) days to submit an explanation for such nonappearance, have been reviewed. There being no explanation filed by petitioner – who bore the burden of proving why her bus license should not be suspended – this matter is no longer deemed to be a contested matter before the Commissioner and is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

Respondent is hereby directed to notify the Motor Vehicle Commission of its obligation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-28 *et seq.* to suspend petitioner’s school bus S” endorsement on her driver’s license for six months, and to notify petitioner’s employer that she is ineligible – for the period of suspension – to continue employment as a school bus driver.

IT IS SO ORDERED.\*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: March 22, 2013  
Date of Mailing: March 22, 2013

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\* 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).