

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE LICENSE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
JERRY CORRADO : ORDER OF REVOCATON

DOCKET NO. 451-06/97-134

At its meeting of June 19, 1997, the State Board of Examiners reviewed information from an investigative report dated March, 1997 from the New Jersey State Department of Education's Office of Compliance as well as investigative reports from the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office and the Green Brook Police Department concerning Jerry Corrado. Mr. Corrado currently holds a Teacher of Health and Physical Education license in New Jersey.

Said investigative reports corroborates evidence alleging that Mr. Corrado sexually abused students in several school districts and is also alleged to have served alcohol to underage students who attended a party at his home. The Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) first completed an investigation concerning Respondent in 1993 concerning allegations of sexual abuse and found the allegations to be substantiated.

Based on the information contained in the aforestated reports, the State Board of Examiners voted at its meeting of June 19, 1997 to issue to Respondent an Order to Show Cause. The Order was mailed to Respondent by regular and certified mail on July 31, 1997. Respondent signed for the certified mail and the regular mail was not returned. Said Order provided that if Respondent desired to file an Answer to said Order such answer must be filed within twenty (20) days. Twenty (20) days elapsed without an Answer having been filed by or on behalf of Respondent. On August 5, 1997, a copy of the investigative reports were forwarded to Respondent by certified mail. The certified packet was returned unclaimed. No response regarding the packet has been received from or on behalf of Mr. Corrado.

It is therefore ORDERED that the charges set forth in the Order to Show Cause are deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding. By virtue of holding a teaching license, the respondent has been entrusted by the State with the care and custody of school children. Tenure Hearing of Sammons, 1972 S.L.D. 302, 321. The respondent has, however, by the conduct set forth in the DYFS reports and

Prosecutor's reports that were substantiated by the Division of Compliance investigative report herein, violated that most sacred trust. He has impermissibly engaged in a pattern of inappropriate sexual misconduct toward minor pupils in his charge. Such comportment is so foreign to the expectations of the deeds and actions of a professional certificated teacher - or of any person - that it raises doubts as to the continued performance of that person in the classroom. Tenure of Blasco, OAL Dkt. EDU 3842-79 (July 15, 1980), mod. Comm'r of Ed. (August 28, 1980), mod. St. Bd. of Ed. (Feb. 4, 1981). The public must be assured that the respondent will no longer be given access to children as a teacher.

Accordingly, the State Board of Examiners finds the conduct charged in the investigative reports made a part of the record of this case herein conduct unbecoming a license holder. The appropriate penalty for his unbecoming conduct is the revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

It is, therefore ORDERED that Jerry Corrado's Teacher of Health and Physical Education license be revoked on this 11th day of December 1997.

It is further ORDERED that Jerry Corrado return his license to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Licensing, CN 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter.

Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: February 17, 1998

Appeals may be made to the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-28.

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