

IN THE MATTER OF THE
TEACHING CERTIFICATE
OF JESSICA ORAVITZ

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) NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
) STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
) AGENCY DOCKET NO. 0708-126

DECISION

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Jessica Oravitz as to why her Teacher of the Handicapped certificate should not be revoked. The Order to Show Cause was based on conduct substantiated in a Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) investigation. DYFS substantiated allegations of physical abuse/substantial risk of physical injury/environment injurious to health against Oravitz regarding her actions toward two students, P.D. and J.S. After the certification matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Oravitz presented a settlement proposal to the Board seeking a four year suspension of her certificate, prospective from the date the Board voted to accept the settlement. After reviewing the settlement proposal, at its meeting of March 31, 2009, the Board of Examiners voted to accept the proposal. Accordingly, on this 31st day of March 2009, Jessica Oravitz' Teacher of the Handicapped certificate, issued in August 1998, is hereby suspended for a period of four years beginning on this day.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision: March 31, 2009

Date of Mailing: