EDU #7081-97 C # 174-98 SB # 49-98

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTER, MORRIS COUNTY,	:	
PETITIONER-RESPONDENT,	:	STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
V.	:	DECISION
WALTER RILEY AND DONALD BEATTY,	:	

RESPONDENTS-APPELLANTS. :

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, April 27, 1998

For the Petitioner-Respondent, Rand, Algeier, Tosti & Woodruff (David Rand, Esq., of Counsel)

For the Respondents-Appellants, Pearce & Massler (Randy T. Pierce, Esq., of Counsel)

The determination of the Commissioner of Education to deny appellants' request for indemnification of their legal expenses incurred in defense of this matter is affirmed for the reasons expressed therein. In so doing, we emphasize that the merits of the petition filed against appellants by the Chester Board are not before us in this appeal.

August 5, 1998

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