

EDU #2637-00 through 2646-00, 2649 through 2652, 2654-00 through 2656-00
C # 50-03
SB # 4-03

ROSALIE BACON, individually and on behalf :
of G.P., Z.P., J.B., J.B., M.B., D.B., AND Z.H.; :
JOSEPH BARUFFI, individually and on :
behalf of J.B.; ELIZABETH CULLEN, :
individually and on behalf of T.C.; :
EDIE RILEY, individually and on behalf :
of S.R.; ARNETTA RIDGEWAY AND :
CHRISTOPHER GLASS, individually and :
on behalf of J.G., F.G., AND D.G., :

PETITIONERS, :

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND :

DECISION ON MOTION

BUENA REGIONAL, CLAYTON, :
COMMERCIAL, EGG HARBOR CITY, :
FAIRFIELD, LAKEHURST, LAKEWOOD, :
LAWRENCE, MAURICE RIVER, AND :
WOODBINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, :

PETITIONERS-APPELLANTS, :

AND :

HAMMONTON, LITTLE EGG HARBOR, :
OCEAN, QUINTON, SALEM CITY, :
UPPER DEERFIELD, AND WALLINGTON :
SCHOOL DISTRICTS, :

PETITIONERS, :

V. :

NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT :
OF EDUCATION, :

RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT. :

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, February 10, 2003

For the Petitioner-Appellant Lakewood Board of Education, Michael I. Inzelbuch, Esq.

For the Petitioners-Appellants Buena, Clayton, Commercial, Egg Harbor, Fairfield, Lakehurst, Lawrence, Maurice River and Woodbine Boards of Education, Jacob, Ferrigno & Chiarello (Frederick A. Jacob, Esq. and Kathy Balin, Esq., of Counsel)

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For the amicus curiae, Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione (Shavar D. Jeffries, Esq., of Counsel)

The State Board of Education grants the motion for leave to appear as amicus curiae filed in this matter by the Education Law Center pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:4-2.1.

July 2, 2003

Date of mailing _____