

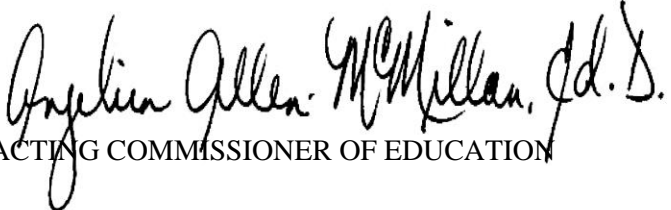
New Jersey Commissioner of Education
Final Decision

In the Matter of the Suspension of the
Teaching Certificates of Amanda Harmon,
Freehold Regional High School District,
Monmouth County.

The record of this matter has been reviewed. The Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District filed a petition seeking the suspension of respondent Amanda Harmon's teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:28-8 because she resigned without providing the Board with the requisite statutory notice. The Commissioner issued an Order to Show Cause on April 29, 2021, which the Board served on respondent on the same date. Respondent did not formally respond to the Order to Show Cause but emailed the Department of Education on June 11, 2021, stating that she wished to "plead guilty and close the case." Accordingly, the Commissioner finds that the respondent's certificates should be suspended pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:28-8, and further finds that a one-year suspension of the respondent's certificates is the appropriate penalty.

Accordingly, the respondent's teaching certificates are suspended for a period of one year from the filing date of this decision, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for implementation of the suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹


ANGELINA ALLEN McMILLAN, J.D.
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: June 25, 2021
Date of Mailing: June 25, 2021

¹ This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-9.1. Under *N.J.Ct.R.* 2:4-1(b), a notice of appeal must be filed with the Appellate Division within 45 days from the date of mailing of this decision.