

## **New Jersey Commissioner of Education**

### **Final Decision**

In the Matter of the Suspension of the Teaching Certificate of Devin Grenard, Board of Education of Hanover Park Regional High School District, Morris County.

This matter was opened before the Commissioner of Education on May 21, 2024, by way of an Order to Show Cause served by petitioner (Hanover Park Regional Board of Education) upon respondent (Devin Grenard), requiring respondent to show cause why an order should not be entered suspending his teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:28-8* for resigning without giving the notice required by law.

By notice dated June 3, 2024, sent to respondent via regular mail, the Office of Controversies and Disputes (Office) acknowledged proof that the Order to Show Cause had been served upon respondent and directed respondent to answer within 20 days. No answer having yet been received, on July 3, 2024, the Office sent respondent a second and final notice via regular and certified mail, directing him to file an answer within ten days if he wished to contest the suspension of his certificates. To date, the Office has not received a response from respondent.

The petition and supporting exhibits submitted by petitioner in this matter indicate that: respondent entered into a contract to work as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year; the contract provides that it can be terminated by the employee upon sixty days' written notice; and

on March 4, 2024, respondent emailed a resignation notice to the district, effective March 8, 2024, thereby providing less than the required sixty days' notice. The respondent has not denied these allegations; therefore, the Commissioner deems such allegations to be admitted pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.5(a)* and further deems them sufficient to justify suspension of respondent's teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:28-8*.

Accordingly, summary decision is hereby granted to petitioner, and respondent's teaching certificates, as well as any substitute teaching credential he may hold, 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.<sup>1</sup>



ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: July 29, 2024  
Date of Mailing: August 1, 2024

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<sup>1</sup> 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.