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Agency Dkt. No. 430-09-26

New Jersey Commissioner of Education

Final Decision

In the Matter of the Suspension of the Teaching Certificates of Genesis Gallardo, Teaneck Community Charter School, Inc., Bergen County

This matter was opened before the Commissioner of Education on September 17, 2026, by way of an Order to Show Cause served by petitioner (Teaneck Community Charter School, Inc. Board of Trustees) upon respondent (Genesis Gallardo), requiring respondent to show cause why an order should not be entered suspending her 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.

On September 22, 2026, the Office of Controversies and Disputes emailed an acknowledgment to the parties and directed respondent to file an answer within 20 days. On that same date, respondent notified the Office of Controversies and Disputes via email that everything in the pleadings "was accurate." On October 15, 2026, respondent confirmed via email that she accepted the suspension.

The petition and supporting exhibits in this matter indicate that: respondent executed a contract with petitioner for employment as a teacher during the 2025-2026 school year; the contract provides that it can be terminated by the employee upon sixty days' written notice; on May 11, 2026, respondent emailed petitioner indicating that she was resigning immediately, thereby providing less than the required sixty days' notice; and respondent has not reported to work since the date of her resignation. 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 credentials she 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.[1]



COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: October 29, 2026
Date of Mailing: October 30, 2026

[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.