

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the failure to file a disclosure statement constitutes a clear violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 26; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that this school official was given ample opportunity to provide the complete disclosure statement; and

WHEREAS, last year on December 20, 2005, the Commission found Ms. Pope in violation of the Act and recommended to the Commissioner of Education a penalty of reprimand for Ms. Pope's failure to file a disclosure within the designated timeline; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2006, the Acting Commissioner of Education concurred with the penalty of reprimand and Ms. Pope was reprimanded; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate penalty for the violation is removal since Ms. Pope was reprimanded last year for her late filing of a disclosure statement and she has failed to file a disclosure statement this year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Ethics Commission finds that Dawn Pope violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 26 of the School Ethics Act and recommends that the Commissioner of Education impose a sanction of removal.

Paul C. Garbarini, Chairperson
School Ethics Commission

Dated: October 31, 2006

This matter shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education for action on the Commission's recommendation for sanction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29. Within thirteen (13) days from the date on which the Commission's decision was mailed to you, you may file written comments on the recommended sanction with the Commissioner of Education, c/o Bureau of Controversies and Disputes, 100 Riverview Plaza, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625, marked "Attention: Comments on Ethics Commission Sanction." A copy of any comments filed must be sent to the School Ethics Commission.