

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
RICK C. GAZZOLA : ORDER OF REVOCATION
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At its meeting of November 1, 2016, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the Salem County Prosecutor's Office had submitted regarding Rick C. Gazzola. On or about March 17, 2016, Gazzola pled guilty to Sexual Assault-Victim Under the Age of 13 and Defendant is Four or More Years Older. On September 23, 2016, Gazzola was sentenced to eight years in prison. Gazzola was also ordered to forfeit his teaching certificates. Gazzola currently holds Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6, Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization: Social Studies in Grades 5-8, and Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization: Language Arts in Grades 5-8 Certificates of Eligibility With Advanced Standing, all issued in November 2006 and Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6, Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization: Social Studies in Grades 5-8, and Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization: Language Arts in Grades 5-8 certificates, all issued in December 2007.

Gazzola agreed to relinquish his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in his affidavit to that effect to the Board. At its meeting of November 1, 2016, the Board voted to accept Gazzola's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.7*.

Accordingly, on this 1st day of November 2016 it is therefore ORDERED that Rick C. Gazzola's Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6 Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing, Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization: Social Studies in Grades 5-8 Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing, Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization: Language Arts in Grades 5-8 Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing, and his Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6, Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization:

Social Studies in Grades 5-8, and Teacher of Elementary School With Subject Matter Specialization:
Language Arts in Grades 5-8 certificates be revoked, effective immediately.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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Date of Mailing:
via certified and regular mail

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.3(b).