

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
LUKE BAKULA : ORDER ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT
_____ : DOCKET NO. 1516-224

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Luke Bakula, on November 1, 2019, as to why his teaching certificates should not be revoked. Bakula currently holds a Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, issued in February 2011.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing, Bakula presented a proposal to the Board in which he would agree to the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in an affidavit to that effect to the Board. Bakula did not admit or concede the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of May 21, 2026, the Board voted to accept Bakula's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.10*.

Accordingly, on this 21st day of May 2026, it is therefore ORDERED that Luke Bakula's Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is hereby RELINQUISHED, with the force and effect of a revocation, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Bakula return the above-mentioned paper certificates, if issued, to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Certification and Induction, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within 30 days of the mailing date of the decision.



Kimberly A. Gatti, Acting Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: May 29, 2026
via email, 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)*.