

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE EDUCATION
CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
DOUGLAS J. PETTY : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Douglas J. Petty on June 29, 2023, as to why his teaching certificates should not be revoked. Petty currently holds a Standard Teacher of the Handicapped certificate, issued February 2006; a Standard Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6 certificate, issued August 2006; a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, issued August 2008; a Standard Supervisor certificate, issued August 2008; a Standard Principal certificate, issued September 2015; a School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, issued August 2017; and a Standard School Administrator certificate, issued November 2020.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Petty presented a proposal to the Board in which he would agree to a two-year suspension of his certificates. Petty did not admit or concede the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of September 18, 2026, the Board voted to accept it.

Accordingly, on this 18th day of September 2026, it is therefore ORDERED that Douglas J. Petty's Standard Teacher of the Handicapped certificate, Standard Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-6 certificate, Principal Certificate of Eligibility, Standard Supervisor certificate, Standard Principal certificate, School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, and Standard School Administrator certificate are hereby SUSPENDED for two (2) years, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Petty 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:
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).