

C #501-97L  
SB # 83-97

RICHARD CHAMBERS, :  
PETITIONER-APPELLANT, :  
V. : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE : DECISION  
CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE, ATLANTIC :  
COUNTY, :  
RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT. :

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Decided by the Commissioner of Education, September 22, 1997

For the Petitioner-Appellant, Richard Chambers, pro se

For the Respondent-Respondent, James L. Jackson, Esq.

The decision of the Commissioner of Education declining to entertain the instant request for declaratory judgment is affirmed for the reasons expressed therein. Our review of the record confirms the Commissioner's finding that the educational issues raised by petitioner in his request for declaratory judgment also form the basis for a petition of appeal which he filed with the Commissioner on August 14, 1997. That petition is currently pending in the Office of Administrative Law. We note, in addition, that an appeal filed by petitioner from a decision of the Commissioner denying his request for emergent relief is currently pending before the State Board.

Petitioner's request for oral argument is denied as not necessary for a fair determination of this matter. N.J.A.C. 6:2-3.2.

March 4, 1998

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