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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE :
LAKELAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL :
DISTRICT, PASSAIC COUNTY, :

PETITIONER-APPELLANT, : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

V. : DECISION

NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF :
EDUCATION, OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE, :

RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT. :
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Decided by the Commissioner of Education, September 22, 1997

For the Petitioner-Appellant, Sills, Cummis, Zuckerman, Radin, Tischman,
Epstein & Gross (Cherie L. Maxwell, Esq., of Counsel)

For the Respondent-Respondent, John K. Worthington, Deputy Attorney
General (Peter Verniero, Attorney General of New Jersey)

The State Board of Education affirms the decision of the Commissioner of Education for the reasons expressed therein. In doing so, we reject appellant's claim that an audit of the Emerson school district, which appellant submitted in support of its appeal, shows that the Lakeland Regional High School District was treated in a discriminatory manner by the Department of Education. In this respect, we stress that while Lakeland's audit was a multi-year audit, Emerson's was a single-year audit.

March 4, 1998

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