

EDU #8545-07  
C # 94-08  
SB # 19-08

L.T., on behalf of minor child, P.T., :  
PETITIONER-APPELLANT, :  
V. : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE : DECISION  
TOWNSHIP OF EWING, MERCER :  
COUNTY, :  
RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT. :

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Decided by the Commissioner of Education, February 28, 2008

For the Petitioner-Appellant, L.T., pro se

For the Respondent-Respondent, Jeffrey F. Belz, Esq.

On March 24, 2008, appellant faxed a copy of a notice of appeal with the State Board Office. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.11(a)*, appellant's brief in support of her appeal including copies of the decisions below was due on April 14, 2008, 20 days after she filed her notice of appeal. By letter dated March 28, 2008, the Acting Director of the State Board Office notified appellant that her notice of appeal was deficient because she did not file an original signed document as required by *N.J.A.C. 6A:4:1.6(a)*. Appellant was given until April 4, 2008 to correct the deficiency. Appellant did not submit the documents by either due date.

By letter dated April 8, 2008, the Acting Director for the State Board Office extended the due date to April 21, 2008 to correct both deficiencies (submit an

original signed notice of appeal and 17 copies of the brief). Appellant failed to correct the deficiencies by the prescribed extension.

By letter dated April 29, 2008, the Acting Director for the State Board Office notified appellant that as a result of her failure to submit a signed original notice of appeal and a brief in support of her appeal, her case was being referred to the Legal Committee of the State Board for consideration of her failure to perfect the appeal.

In light of appellant's failure to perfect the appeal or provide any explanation for the failure to file we dismiss the appeal. See Paszamant v. Board of Education of the Borough of Highland Park, decided by the State Board of Education, April 1, 1992, aff'd, Docket #A-4812-91-3 (App. Div. 1993).

Ernest Lepore did not participate in the vote

May 21, 2008

Date of mailing \_\_\_\_\_