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OF WASHINGTON, GLOUCESTER COUNTY,

:

RESPONDENT.

SYNOPSIS

Petitioner challenged the Board's determination to expel her son for an incident involving possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

The ALJ dismissed the appeal because it was untimely filed.

The Commissioner affirmed the decision of the ALJ.

This synopsis is not part of the Commissioner's decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commissioner.

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The record of this matter and the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) have been reviewed. The parties filed no exceptions.

Upon his independent and careful review, the Commissioner is in agreement with the Administrative Law Judge's determination that the Board's motion to dismiss the within Petition of Appeal for untimeliness is properly granted.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the OAL is affirmed for the reasons stated therein. The instant Petition of Appeal is hereby dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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This decision, as the Commissioner's final determination may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-27 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq. Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.