

AGENCY DKT. NO. 413-11/06

IN THE MATTER OF DIANE COLE, :
MONTAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
SUSSEX COUNTY. : DECISION

The record of this matter, the decision of the School Ethics Commission (SEC) – forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29* solely for review of the Commission’s recommended penalty – and respondent’s communication dated November 5, 2006, conveying a copy of her disclosure statement, have been reviewed. As set forth in the SEC’s decision, respondent first filed her required disclosure statement with the Commission on October 2, 2006, substantially later than the date it was due.

Upon review of the foregoing, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission and additionally admonishes the respondent for failure to timely file the requisite statement, in that such delay has resulted in a waste of administrative and adjudicative time by local, county and State education officials.

Accordingly, the above-named respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: December 14, 2006

Date of Mailing: December 15, 2006

* This decision, as the Commissioner’s final determination regarding penalty in the instant matter, 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:4-1.1 et seq.* Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.4(a)*, Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.