

AGENCY DKT. NO. 2-1/06

IN THE MATTER OF :
KAREN HARRISON-BOWERS, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY : DECISION
CHARTER SCHOOL, ESSEX COUNTY :

The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29 solely for review of the Commission's recommended penalty, have been reviewed. No comments were filed by the above-named respondent and the required disclosure statement(s) had not been filed as of the date of this decision.

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

Accordingly, the above-named respondent is hereby suspended as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act, such suspension to remain in effect until the completed disclosure statement(s) are filed, provided, however, that if such statement(s) are not filed within 30 days of the mailing date of this decision, the above-named school official shall be summarily removed from office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 24, 2006

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* 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.