

AGENCY DKT. NO. 20-1/06

IN THE MATTER OF ARMANDO CEPERO, :
STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
NEWARK, ESSEX COUNTY : DECISION

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 respondent.¹

Upon such review, 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.²

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 27, 2006

Date of Mailing: January 30, 2006

¹ The respondent did send a letter to the Commission apologizing for his inadvertent lapse and assuring that it would not be repeated. The Commission forwarded this letter to the Commissioner for inclusion in the record.

² 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.