

SEC Dkt No. D06-19  
Agency Dkt. No. 248-9/19

**New Jersey Commissioner of Education**

**Final Decision**

In the Matter of Gabriela Lopez,  
Red Bank Charter School,  
Monmouth County.

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The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (SEC) – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely file her Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements (“Disclosure Statements”) in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25*, *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26*, and *N.J.A.C. 6A:28-3.1*. The SEC’s decision was forwarded to the Commissioner for final determination on the recommended penalty pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29(c)*. The SEC advises that respondent did not file her Disclosure Statements until after the issuance of the SEC’s August 30, 2019 decision. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty, nor has she instituted an appeal of the SEC’s underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1 et seq.*

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the SEC for respondent’s failure to timely honor an obligation placed upon school officials by law. Additionally, respondent is admonished for causing the unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby suspended for thirty (30) days – effective from the date of this decision – as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act for failure to file her Disclosure Statements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.<sup>1</sup>

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: October 18, 2019  
Date of Mailing: October 18, 2019

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<sup>1</sup> This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L. 2008, c. 36*. (*N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1*)