

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE LICENSE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
CORREEN EUSTICE : ORDER OF REVOCATON
_____ : DOCKET NO. 452-06/97-132

At its meeting of June 19, 1997 the State Board of Examiners reviewed information received from an investigative report dated March 1997 completed by the New Jersey State Department of Education's Office of Compliance, a report from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office dated October 9, 1996 and a report from the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) dated January 3, 1997 which found improper sexual contact between Correen Eustice and a minor student, as well as her serving of alcoholic beverages to students. Currently, Respondent Eustice holds a Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

At that meeting the State Board of Examiners voted that said allegations constituted sufficient grounds for issuing an Order to Show Cause. The Order was mailed to Respondent by regular and certified mail on July 31, 1997. Respondent signed for the certified mail and the regular mail copy was not returned. Said Order provided that if Respondent desired to file an Answer to said Order such Answer must be filed within twenty (20) days. Twenty (20) days elapsed without an answer having been filed by or on behalf of Respondent. On August 1, 1997 a copy of the investigative reports were forwarded to Respondent by certified mail. The reports were received and signed for, yet no response has been received from or on behalf of Respondent.

It is therefore ORDERED that the charges as set forth in the Order to Show Cause are deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding. By virtue of holding a teaching license, the

respondent has been entrusted by the State with the care and custody of school children. Tenure Hearing of Sammons, 1972 S.L.D. 302, 321. The respondent has, however, by her conduct, violated that most sacred trust. She has impermissibly endangered a minor. Such comportment is so foreign to the expectations of the deeds and actions of a professional certificated teacher - or of any person - that it raises doubts as to the continued performance of that person in the classroom. Tenure of Blasco, OAL Dkt. EDU 3842-79 (July 15, 1980), mod. Comm'r of Ed. (August 28, 1980), mod. St. Bd. of Ed. (Feb. 4, 1981). The public must be assured that the respondent will no longer be given access to children as a teacher.

Accordingly, the State Board of Examiners finds respondent's conduct unbecoming a license holder. The appropriate penalty for her unbecoming conduct is the revocation of Respondent's Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that Correen Eustice's Teacher of Spanish Certificate of eligibility With Advanced Standing hereby be revoked on this 11th day of December, 1997.

It is further ORDERED that Correen Eustice return her license to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Licensing, CN 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-05003 within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter.

Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: February 17, 1998

Appeals may be made to the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-28.

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