

***Before the School Ethics Commission***  
***Docket No.: D03-20***  
***Resolution of Removal***

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***I/M/O Amy Vandergrift,***  
**Greenwich Township Board of Education, Gloucester County**

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***Whereas***, Amy Vandergrift (Respondent) is a school official, as defined in the School Ethics Act (Act), serving as a Board member for Greenwich Township Board of Education, located in Gloucester County; and

***Whereas***, as a returning school official, Respondent was required to file her Disclosure Statements by April 30, 2020; and

***Whereas***, pursuant to Executive Order 159, and because of the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the deadline for returning school officials to file their Disclosure Statements was extended until July 31, 2020; and

***Whereas***, despite the extension afforded to Respondent, she failed to file her Disclosure Statements within the required timeframe; and

***Whereas***, by decision dated November 24, 2020, the School Ethics Commission (Commission) found that Respondent failed to file her Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements (Disclosure Statements) as required by *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25*, *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26*, and *N.J.A.C. 6A:28-3.1*; and

***Whereas***, the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education impose a penalty of removal, with such removal to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioner of Education. However, if Respondent filed her Disclosure Statements before the Commissioner of Education adopted a final decision (which was forty-five (45) days after the Commission's decision was mailed), then the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education, in lieu of removal, impose a thirty (30) day suspension, with such suspension to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioner of Education; and

***Whereas***, Respondent did not file her Disclosure Statements after the issuance of the Commission's decision on November 24, 2020; and

***Whereas***, by decision dated January 15, 2021, and because Respondent did not file her Disclosure Statements after the issuance of the Commission's decision, the Commissioner of Education concurred that a penalty of removal was the appropriate penalty in the above-captioned matter; and

***Whereas***, *N.J.A.C. 6A:28-10.12(d)* provides that, for a penalty of censure, suspension or removal, a Resolution shall be adopted at the Commission's next meeting following issuance of the Commissioner of Education's decision, and the Resolution shall be read at the next public meeting of the district board of education following its adoption, and shall be posted in such places as the board posts its public notices for thirty (30) days; and

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved***, that the Commission adopts this Resolution stating that Respondent is hereby **REMOVED** as a school official for having been found to have violated *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26, and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-3.1*; and

***Be It Further Resolved***, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education is ordered to read this Resolution at its next regularly scheduled public meeting following the Commission's adoption, and to post it in such places as the Greenwich Township Board of Education posts its public notices for a period of thirty (30) days; and

***Be It Further Resolved***, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education shall provide the Commission with the minutes, once adopted, from the meeting at which it reads the within Resolution.



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Robert W. Bender, Chairperson  
School Ethics Commission

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the School Ethics Commission at its meeting on January 26, 2021.



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Kathryn A. Whalen, Director  
School Ethics Commission