

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
CATHERINE M. BANNISTER : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened by the State Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Catherine M. Bannister as to why her teaching certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges against her. Bannister currently holds a Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, and a Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 certificate. After receiving the Order to Show Cause, by letter dated January 30, 2020, Bannister consented to the suspension of her certificates pending final disposition of the criminal matter. After reviewing Bannister's submission, the Board, at its meeting of February 28, 2020, voted to suspend Bannister's certificates.

Accordingly, on this 14th day of May 2020, Catherine M. Bannister's Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, and Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 Certificate are hereby SUSPENDED pending final resolution of the criminal charges against her. The suspension shall take effect immediately. It is further ORDERED that Bannister return her certificates to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Certification and Induction, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within 30 days of the mailing date of this decision.

Rani Singh, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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Date of Mailing:
via certified and regular mail

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-38.4.