

***Before the School Ethics Commission
Docket No.: T01-20
Resolution of Suspension***

***I/M/O Maria Maldonado,
Camden's Promise Charter School, Camden County***

Whereas, Maria Maldonado (Respondent) is a school official, as defined in the School Ethics Act (Act), serving as a charter school trustee of the Camden's Promise Charter School, located in Camden County; and

Whereas, by decision dated January 26, 2021, the School Ethics Commission (Commission) found that Respondent failed to comply with the annual training mandate (deadline was June 30, 2020) in violation of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33, *N.J.A.C.* 6A:11-3.1(a), and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:28-4.1; 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 completed training 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 completed training on February 8, 2021; and

Whereas, by decision dated March 15, 2021, and because Respondent completed training after the issuance of the Commission's decision, but before the Commissioner adopted a final decision, the Commissioner of Education concurred that a penalty of suspension for thirty (30) days 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's decision, and the Resolution shall be read at the next public meeting of the charter school following its adoption, and shall be posted in such places as the charter school 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 **SUSPENDED** as a school official for thirty (30) days (from March 16, 2021, through April 15, 2021) for having been found to have violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33 of the Act, and its implementing regulations, namely *N.J.A.C.* 6A:11-3.1(a) and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:28-4.1; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Camden's Promise Charter School is ordered to read this Resolution at its next regularly scheduled public meeting following the Commission's adoption on

March 23, 2021, and to post it in such places as the Camden's Promise Charter School posts its public notices for a period of thirty (30) days.



Robert W. Bender, Chairperson
School Ethics Commission

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted at the March 23, 2021, meeting of the School Ethics Commission.



Kathryn A. Whalen, Director
School Ethics Commission