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P.P., a Minor, by His Parent
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Plaintiff,

v.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT,

Defendant.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION
OCEAN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. PW OCN-L-1040-09

Civil Action

ORDER OF SETTLEMENT

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on remand from the Appellate Division; and the Court having held a settlement conference with the parties on February 28, 2012; and the parties having thereafter conferred; and the matter now having been reported to the Court as settled,

It is on this 8 day of May, 2012, hereby ORDERED AND DECREED as follows:

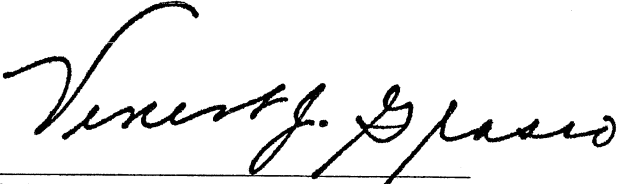
1. Plaintiff's complaint in the matter is hereby dismissed, without prejudice and subject to the following conditions:

A. Within 60 days of the date of this Order, the Pinelands Regional School District shall amend Policy 5530 - Substance Abuse, to eliminate mandatory suspensions for possession of dangerous substances, and to substitute progressive discipline in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(b)(6).

B. Pinelands Regional School District shall promptly expunge from P.P.'s middle school disciplinary record all reference to the suspension that gave rise to this lawsuit.

C. Within 45 days of the date of this Order, Pinelands Regional School District shall pay plaintiff's attorney's fees in the amount of \$20,000. Those fees shall be paid to the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey Foundation.

2. The parties shall execute and exchange mutual releases.



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