## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Petitioner.

PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-09-01 ٧.

JOSEPH R. ABRAHAM,

Respondent.

## MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission ("Commission") upon the Department of Education's ("Department") August 4, 2009, Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks acknowledgment of the Respondent's surrender of his Instructional II teaching certificate in the area of Elementary K-6 and requests dismissal of the instant disciplinary action.

On January 5, 2009, the Department filed a Notice of Charges seeking discipline against Respondent's Pennsylvania professional educator certification on the grounds of immorality, negligence and intemperance, alleging that Respondent had used and purchased a controlled substance during the period of time that he was serving as an elementary teacher in the Catasaugua Area School District. In response to the Notice of Charges, Respondent agreed to relinquish his Pennsylvania professional educator certification.

In consideration of the Department's Motion for Entry of Order and the Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender, the Commission has decided to grant the Motion and, accordingly, enters the following:

## <u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, this27th day of October, 2009, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion for Entry of Order is GRANTED and the professional educator certification of Respondent Joseph R. Abraham is declared SURRENDERED IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE.	
PRO	FESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
By:	Gilbert R. Griffiths Chairperson
Attest:	Carolyn Angelo Executive Director
Date Mailed:	