

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**COLETTE M. BENEL,
Respondent.**

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DOCKET NO. IS-21-001

ORDER

AND NOW, this 22nd day of March 2021, it is hereby ORDERED that the Department of Education is directed to IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND the certificate and the eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or a contracted educational provider staff member of Respondent COLETTE M. BENEL pursuant to 24 P.S. § 2070.9b(a)(1). In electing not to contest the immediate suspension, Respondent does not admit any of the criminal allegations or that she poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of students and/or other persons in the schools of this Commonwealth. Should Respondent be acquitted of the criminal charges or should the criminal charges be otherwise dismissed or removed, the Commission shall reinstate her certificate and employment eligibility upon receipt of certified documentation of the acquittal or dismissal.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:



Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: March 22, 2021