

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

On or about May 17, 2018, Jennifer Joyce Weissman (hereinafter “J.W.”) failed to provide supervision of her students when she left two first grade students unattended in her classroom after leaving work early prior to dismissal. Thereafter, S.W., one of J.W.’s students, left campus unaccompanied and walked to her daycare 0.6 miles away. At approximately 2:20 P.M., that day, J.W. split-up her class to be supervised by a couple of other first grade teachers. J.W. then exited the building prior to dismissal without signing out. Further, J.W. failed to provide a class roster to the front office before leaving work early. At approximately 2:25 P.M., two of J.W.’s first-grade students, S.W. and L.S., exited J.W.’s classroom unaccompanied. S.W. indicated that when she came out of the bathroom no one was in the classroom and she thought school was over for the day. S.W. stated she then walked to the cafeteria to see if her aftercare bus was there and when it was not she left campus by the cafeteria door and ran to her day care. At approximately 2:50 P.M. that day, S.W.’s mother notified the school that S.W. had left campus and walked/ran to her daycare over a half-mile away. The second student, L.S., went to the front office where clerical staff called a teacher to retrieve him.

The Administrative Counsel prepared the Administrative Complaint and notice was provided to J.W. that a recommendation for her three (3)-day suspension without pay will be presented to the School Board on December 4, 2018. The Administrative Complaint was served on J.W. on November 9, 2018, and she timely requested a hearing.