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(a) The Office of Personnel and Administrative Services is authorized and organized under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:4-22(d) and 18A:4-38.

(b) The Office of Personnel and Administrative Services functions as a staff service unit and provides department-wide coordination and assistance in all personnel matters. Designated as Appointing Authority by the Commissioner, the office performs all activities required by Title II. The Civil Service Law attends to payroll, pension and all other fiscal matters as they relate to personnel fund expenditures, as specified by the Treasury Department and Budget Bureau directives. Within the Division of Administration, it provides general supervision of the Office of Printing.

(c) The Office is the coordinating agent for all revisions and additions in utility services and for structural changes within the building.

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School board's good faith reasons for not renewing employment contract defeated teacher's claim of discrimination based on pregnancy. *Daly v. Winslow Township Board of Education*, 97 N.J.A.R.2d (EDU) 19.

School board's decision not to reappoint nontenured director of education was lawful, despite board's failure to timely notify director and its violation of Open Public Meetings Act. *Payne v. Township of Willingboro, Burlington County*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (EDU) 1024.

Alleged sexual assault on student by assistant principal warranted his dismissal where assistant principal's denial of charge was not credible. In the Matter of *Nicholas Ciufi*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (EDU) 980.

Teacher was dismissed from tenured position for improper interaction and sexual contact with minor student. In the Matter of the Tenure Hearing of *Charlotte Galla*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (EDU) 935.

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Teacher's inappropriate corporal punishment of students warranted pay reduction, rather than discharge, where teacher's actions were

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