

**John Demerdjian  
Formal Reprimand**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* Mr. Demerdjian was reported by Cumberland County Schools for negligence in the commission of his duties as an educator. Mr. Demerdjian, a music teacher, allowed a 15 year old student without a driver's license to drive his personal vehicle from the back of the parking lot to the front of the parking lot. The purpose of moving the vehicle was to more easily load musical instruments into the vehicle for transport to a local repair shop. Without Mr. Demerdjian's permission, the student took the vehicle and drove it briefly onto the local highway prior to returning to the front of the parking lot. Mr. Demerdjian was suspended for five (5) days following the event.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to formally reprimand his educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for a formal reprimand of his educator license pursuant to Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g) and (3)(h).

The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent for the formal reprimand of his educator license.