

The Honorable Molly Spearman Superintendent of Education South Carolina Department of Education 1429 Senate Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201 Dr. Sharon Wall Chairperson South Carolina Board of Education 1429 Senate Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re:

Brittney Ann Whetsel Certificate No. 266024

Dear Ms. Spearman and Dr. Wall:

It has come to my attention that it is alleged, on or about April 10, 2018, Brittney Ann Whetzel, Battery Creek High School ("BCHS") teacher, provided alcohol to approximately three (3) BCHS students during a party at her residence. Additionally, Ms. Whetsel is alleged to have engaged in sexual intercourse with two (2) of the students during and after the same gathering. Ms. Whetzel was placed on administrative leave on April 12, 2018., after not denying allegations regarding her conduct.

On April 16, 2018, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office charged Ms. Whetsel with two (2) counts of sexual battery with a student and three (3) counts of providing alcohol/giving beer or wine to minors.

Although Ms. Whetzel currently remains a BCSD employee, I anticipate a forthcoming change in her employment status. As such, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Reg. §§ 43-58 and 43-58.1, I notify you of Ms. Whetzel's alleged sexual misconduct with students, commission of crimes, immorality, moral turpitude. I believe the actions, as alleged, constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of Ms. Whetzel's educator certificate. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Moss Superintendent

cc:

Alice C. Walton, Chief Human Resources Officer

Drew H. Davis, General Counsel

Wendy Cartledge, SC Department of Education Deputy General Counsel

Chad Cox, BCHS Principal

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