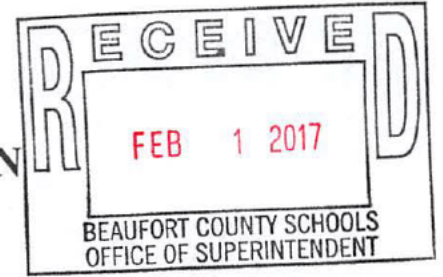




STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MOLLY M. SPEARMAN
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



**Via Regular and Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested – Restricted Delivery
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January 25, 2017

Ms. Sandra L. Walsh
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Re: S.C. Educator Certificate 246631

Dear Ms. Walsh,

This letter is to notify you that the South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) will meet to make a determination regarding possible disciplinary action of your South Carolina educator certificate 246631 based on the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016), unprofessional conduct. The State Board will review the allegations of unprofessional conduct concerning a sexual relationship with a student, who was a rising senior at Hilton Head Island High School, while employed as a teacher with Beaufort County School District.

Under state law, you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request a hearing, your request must be in writing, and addressed to Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. You may request a public or private hearing. At the hearing, you may present any testimony under oath or other evidence that may be pertinent, and you may be represented by legal counsel. If you fail to make a written request for a hearing within fifteen days after you receive this notice, you will waive your right to a hearing. In the event that you waive your right to a hearing, the State Board could take action to suspend or revoke your certificate based on the information presented by the State Department of Education (SCDE).

The State Board of Education's Procedures for Educator Certification Hearings can be found on the SCDE website at <http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/policy/state-board/Rules%20of%20Governance/BCAF-A16.pdf>. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact our office and we will mail you a copy of the State Board of Education's Procedures for Educator Certification Hearings.

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Should you wish to discuss an alternate resolution to this matter in lieu of a hearing, you may contact me, at 803-734-8783.

Sincerely,

Wendy Bergfeldt Cartledge

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Deputy General Counsel

Office of General Counsel

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cc: Molly Spearman, Superintendent, South Carolina Department of Education
Ivan S. Randolph, Ph.D., Chair, State Board of Education
Marcia Berry, Coordinator, Office of Educator Services, SCDE
Dr. Jeffrey Moss, Superintendent, Beaufort County School District
Reggie Deas, Director of Personnel, Beaufort County School District