



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MOLLY M. SPEARMAN**  
*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

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January 17, 2019

**Via Regular and Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested – Restricted Delivery  
(7016 0910 0000 6635 3995)**

Anthony Richard Heiter  
[REDACTED]

Re: South Carolina Educator Certificate 275298

Dear Mr. Heiter:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the State Board of Education (State Board) summarily suspended your South Carolina educator certificate 275298 on January 17, 2019, as a result of your unprofessional conduct and arrest for one felony count of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, S.C. Code Ann. §16-03-655(C) (2017). A copy of the summary suspension is enclosed. This summary suspension shall remain in effect until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved.

This letter also serves as notice that the State Board will meet to make a determination regarding the possible suspension or revocation of your South Carolina educator certificate based on the statutory grounds of unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this state, and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017). 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 be represented by legal counsel. If you fail to make a written request for a hearing within fifteen (15) 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 may take action to suspend or revoke your certificate, based on the information presented by the South Carolina Department of Education.

The State Board of Education's Procedures for Educator Certification Hearings can be found on the SCDE website at <http://ed.sc.gov/state-board/state-board-of-education/additional-resources/rules-of-governance/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 seek an alternate resolution of this matter in lieu of a hearing, you may contact me at 803-734-1807. Please find enclosed a Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender (Consent Order) with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience. If you wish to pursue this alternative resolution, please initial and date the first two pages, and sign and date the final page of the Consent Order. The Consent Order with your original signature should be mailed back to me by February 26, 2019, if you wish for the Consent Order to be presented to the March meeting of the State Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Holly Hadden', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Holly Hadden  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Molly S. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education  
Dr. Sharon Wall, Chair, State Board of Education  
Marcia Berry, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services  
Herbert Berg, Superintendent, Beaufort County School District  
Reggie Deas, Director of Personnel, Beaufort County School District  
Wendy Cartledge, General Counsel, Beaufort County School District