

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**January 2016**

CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF MARSHA MERRY, CASE # HR 15-007

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
ItemReport
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Marsha Merry has a lifetime certificate of license to teach in the areas of English, grades 7–12; and Librarian, grades K–12. In addition, Ms. Merry has an expired CPC certificate to teach in the area of Gifted Education, grades K–12. Ms. Merry is not currently teaching in Missouri.

On September 12, 2014, Ms. Merry pled guilty and received a suspended imposition of sentence to the Felony, Tampering with a Witness. Ms. Merry was sentenced to three (3) years' probation.

Ms. Merry was present at the hearing and represented by counsel.

PRESENTER:

William Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education suspend Ms. Merry's active teaching certification for one (1) year, or until she is released from probation, whichever comes first pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).