

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

**May 2020**

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
LICENSE TO TEACH OF ROBERT S. RUSERT, CASE # HR 20-011**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

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**PRIORITY AREA**

Educator Recruitment & Retention

**SUMMARY**

Section 168.071, RSMo, and 5 CSR 20-400.230 authorize the State Board of Education to discipline certificates of license to teach, and provides the State Board of Education the authority to informally resolve hearings, appeals, or other matters involving certificate holders by consent agreement, agreed settlement, or voluntary surrender of the certificate of license to teach.

Robert S. Rusert holds a Career Continuous Professional Certificate of license to teach in the area of English, grades 7-12.

On or about January 23, 2017, Mr. Rusert had inappropriate contact with a student who was less than 18 years old. At the time of this contact, Mr. Rusert was employed as a teacher at the school the student attended and the contact occurred in Mr. Rusert’s classroom.

On February 26, 2020, a Settlement Agreement Between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Robert S. Rusert was received. The parties agreed to submit this settlement agreement to the State Board of Education for consideration.

**PRESENTER**

Margaret K. Landwehr, Chief Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the settlement agreement and revoke Mr. Rusert’s certificate pursuant to its authority under Section 168.071, RSMo.