

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

**May 2020**

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
LICENSE TO TEACH OF RODNEY DAVID THOMAS, CASE # HR 20-014**

**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.

Rodney David Thomas holds career continuous professional certificates of license to teach in the areas of Mathematics, grades 5-9; and Elementary Education, grades 1-6.

On or about May 6, 2019, Respondent pled guilty to the Misdemeanor, Attempted Sexual Contact with a Student by a Teacher, Student Teacher, Employee, Contract Employee, School Official, or Volunteer and to 12 counts of the Misdemeanor, Assault in the Third Degree.

On Mach 23, 2020, a Settlement Agreement Between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Rodney David Thomas 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. Thomas' certificates pursuant to its authority under Section 168.071, RSMo.