

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

June 2020

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF KRISTEN TRUMP, CASE # HR 19-020**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent Item Action Item Report Item

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.

Kristen Trump holds an Initial PC certificate of license to teach in the areas of Mild/Mod Cross Categorical K-12; and Music-Instrumental, grades K-12. She also holds a content substitute certificate.

Ms. Trump and the Special School District of St. Louis County (SSD) entered into a written contract effective August 5, 2019, whereby Ms. Trump agreed to be a probationary teacher with SSD for the 2019-20 school year. On or about September 19, 2019, Ms. Trump failed to appear for work to perform her duties as a teacher in violation of her contract with SSD. September 18, 2019, was the last day Ms. Trump worked for SSD during the 2019-20 school year. Ms. Trump annulled her written contract as a teacher by failing to work for SSD for the entire 2019-20 school year.

On May 14, 2020, a Settlement Agreement Between the Special School District of St. Louis County and Kristen Trump 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 suspend Ms. Trump's certificates for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, and for the 2020-21 school year (until May 27, 2021) pursuant to its authority under Section 168.071, RSMo.