

**Michael Pesce  
Voluntary Surrender**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* In March 2018, Mr. Pesce was reported for engaging in inappropriate communications with students. He texted one female student to praise her work and, in that text, stated that he was obsessed with her. The student indicated that the text made her uncomfortable. Another male student alleged that, after he saw Mr. Pesce's text to the female student on his computer, Mr. Pesce made a sexual comment regarding 18 year-old female students.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), (3)(h), (5)(a)(5)(i), (5)(a)(5)(ii), and (5)(a)(8).

The Board staff recommended the revocation of Respondent's Tennessee educator license. Respondent has agreed to voluntarily surrender his license and not reapply for restoration of his license for a period of five (5) years from the date of approval of the signed Consent Order. The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent for the surrender of his license.