

**Dawn Melton
Suspension – 3 Months**

The Background:

Facts: Ms. Melton was reported by Blount County Schools for inappropriate physical contact with a student during the 2018-2019 school year. Specifically, Ms. Melton admitted to an isolated incident of swatting an unruly student on the shoulder with the back of her hand in order to redirect behavior. Ms. Melton resigned from her teaching position on April 15, 2019.

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

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(e), (3)(g), (3)(h), (5)(a)(6), and (5)(a)(8).

The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent for the suspension of her license.