

**David Weatherford
Voluntary Surrender**

The Background:

Facts: Mr. Weatherford was reported by Henderson County Schools after being charged with solicitation of a minor, a class E felony. On April 29, 2019, Mr. Weatherford pleaded guilty to the amended charge of attempted solicitation of a minor – aggravated statutory rape (a class A misdemeanor) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 39-13-528 in the Criminal Court for Madison County, Tennessee. Mr. Weatherford was granted judicial diversion and was sentenced to one year of supervised probation, a requirement to complete a sexual counseling program, and a requirement to complete sixty (60) hours of community service. Mr. Weatherford will also be required to register on the sex offender registry.

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), (5)(a)(6)(i), (5)(a)(6)(ii), and (5)(a)(8).

The Board staff recommended the revocation of Respondent’s Tennessee educator license. Respondent agreed to voluntarily surrender his license and not reapply for restoration of his license for a period of five (5) years form 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.