

**F. Samuel Freeman
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: Mr. Freeman used his school computer to access inappropriate and unprofessional content via the internet.

Applicable Law

/Rule: 0520-02-03-.09(1)(c) defines Formal Reprimand as, "A less harsh licensing action than the suspension, revocation, or denial of a license, which admonishes an educator for certain conduct under this Rule. An educator who has been reprimanded by the State Board of Education ("State Board") under this Rule shall receive a letter from the State Board, which shall become part of the educator's state record and may become part of the educator's local record, indicating that the inappropriate conduct is discouraged and shall be subject to further disciplinary action if repeated."

0520-02-03-.09(1)(n) defines School Property as, "Any property owned, leased, managed, controlled, or under the custody of a state or local education agency, school system, or school."

0520-02-03-.09(3)(j) provides, "The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license ... for ... any offense contained in paragraphs (4) and/or (5) of this Rule."

SBE Rule 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(6)(iii) provides that, "An individual holding an educator's license who is found to have inappropriately used school property shall be subject to a disciplinary action within the range of a suspension for no less than three (3) months up to and including revocation."

T.C.A. § 49-5-1004(c)(2) provides that educators shall, "Conduct themselves in a manner that preserves the dignity and integrity of the education profession."

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to **formally reprimand** Respondent's educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice and agreed to the formal reprimand of Respondent's license.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

N/A

The Recommendation:

Board counsel recommends the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by Respondent for the formal reprimand of Respondent's license based upon the facts and applicable rules noted above.