BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:	**)**	
	)	**License No. 000203739**
MONRITA TATE	**)**	

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") disposes of this matter as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Monrita Tate ("Respondent") was a licensed teacher in the State of Tennessee.

2. On or about February 17, 2017, Respondent was arrested by Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and charged with two counts of assault for pulling a student by the hair at New Providence Middle School in the Clarksville Montgomery County School System.

3. On August 18, 2017, Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license based upon these findings and of her right to a hearing. The United States Postal Service left notice of the certified letter as there was no authorized recipient available to accept the certified letter. Respondent has failed to claim the certified letter. By refusing delivery of the certified letter Respondent waived her right to a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension or revocation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302(a)(5)(A)(iv) and Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(f).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby revokes Respondent's educator license effective on the date of this order. During the period of revocation, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position during the period of revocation.

Approved by the Board this 20th day of October, 2017.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BY: _____

B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____26th___ day of October, 2017.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC
DAVIDSON COUNTY
My Commission Expires 03-08-2021

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NOTARY PUBLIC

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

Monrita Tate
3415 Melrose Drive
Clarksville, Tennessee 37042