

**Tecia Payton**  
**Suspension, Two (2) years**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* In November 2016, Respondent resigned from Hamilton County Schools due to negligence with harm or potential harm to students. Respondent left several harmful items within easy reach of her kindergarten students, including but not limited to, a serrated knife on a guided reading table, larger knife lying under the table, and a box cutter under stack of papers.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend her license from November 26, 2016 to November 23, 2018 based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice, but did not request a hearing.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of her educator license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(f).

The Board Staff Review Committee recommends suspension of Respondent's Tennessee educator license.

**THIS ITEM WAS VOTED ON TO BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AND SENT BACK TO THE STAFF FOR MORE DELIBERATION**