

**Gary K. Potter**  
**Suspension, Seventeen (17) Months, and Proof of Treatment Program Completion**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* Respondent retired from Tipton County Schools after being on school premises under the influence of and in possession of alcohol.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his educator license for seventeen months and proof that he completed an alcohol treatment program prior to suspension being lifted based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received said notice, and waived her right to a hearing.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand or refusal to issue or renew a license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(c).

The Board Staff Review Committee recommends suspension of Respondent's Tennessee educator license for seventeen months and proof that he completed an alcohol treatment program prior to suspension being lifted.