

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Megan L. Bolt
Certificate 214837

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 26, 2026. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2020), § 59-5-10 (2020), and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) requested that the Chair of the State Board summarily suspend the educator certificate of Megan L. Bolt, educator certificate 214837, as a result of her arrest on August 11, 2026 on a the felony charge of criminal solicitation of a minor (S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-342)

The SCDE has reason to believe that, due to the serious nature of these allegations of misconduct, Ms. Bolt may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students, who may be under her instruction and that emergency action is required. After considering the evidence presented by the SCDE, the Chair of the State Board finds that Ms. Bolt's educator certificate shall be summarily suspended until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved. The SCDE is directed to serve notice on Ms. Bolt of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of her educator certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Bolt holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over twenty-one (21) years of educator experience. At the time of the incident, Ms. Bolt was a teacher for Florence Public School District One (District). She resigned from the District on August 5, 2026.

On or about August 11, 2026, Ms. Bolt was arrested on the felony charge of criminal solicitation of a minor (S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-342).

The SCDE has reason to believe that, due to the serious nature of this allegation of misconduct, Ms. Bolt may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students who may be

under her instruction, and that emergency action is required. After considering the evidence presented by the SCDE, the Chair of the State Board finds that Ms. Bolt's educator certificate shall be summarily suspended until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved. The SCDE is directed to serve notice on Ms. Bolt of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of her educator certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2021). In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2020), "If the agency finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-5-10 (2020) and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the Chair of the State Board finds that as a result of the allegations of Ms. Bolt's unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, and evident unfitness for the position for which employed, due to her arrest on on a the felony charge of criminal solicitation of a minor (S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-342), there is reason to believe Ms. Bolt may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students and emergency action is required.

Accordingly, the educator certificate of Megan L. Bolt, certificate number 214837, is summarily suspended until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved. The SCDE is directed to serve notice on Ms. Bolt of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of her educator certificate.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

s/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 26, 2026