

**Chase Helton  
Voluntary Surrender**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* Mr. Helton pled guilty and accepted judicial diversion for Sexual Contact with a Minor by an Authority Figure (a misdemeanor). The investigator from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office provided his investigative file. Mr. Helton sent inappropriate Snapchat messages to a student, who was a minor at the time, during August 2017. Mr. Helton admitted to kissing the student and sexually touching her.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation pursuant to Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(f).

The Board staff recommended the revocation of Respondent's Tennessee educator license. Respondent has agreed to voluntarily surrender his license and not reapply for restoration of his license for a period of five (5) years from the date of approval of the signed Consent Order. The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent for the surrender of his license.