

**Alice Polonsky
Suspension – 6 Months**

The Background:

Facts: Ms. Polonsky was reported by Shelby County Schools in December 2018 for allegedly calling a student a derogatory name and hitting him on the head with paper. Ms. Polonsky admitted that she called the student a derogatory name, but says that she only tapped the student on the head with a piece of paper. Since this event, Ms. Polonsky has voluntarily completed an improvement plan with Teach for America. Her principal submitted a letter on her behalf stating that she has taken steps to correct her behaviors and has made good progress in doing so.

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

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension pursuant to Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(e), (3)(g), (3)(h), (5)(a)(5)(i), (5)(a)(5)(ii), (5)(a)(6)(i), (5)(a)(6)(ii), (5)(a)(8).

The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent for the suspension of her license.