

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Voluntary )  
Surrender of the Educator )  
Certificate of Danielle Lynn Picklo )  
Certificate 246489 )

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY  
SURRENDER**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 13, 2011. On July 7, 2011, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent a notice to Danielle Lynn Picklo of her right to a hearing before the State Board by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery and regular mail. On July 18, 2011, Ms. Picklo received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. On July 22, 2011, counsel for Ms. Picklo contacted the SCDE and stated that Ms. Picklo wished to discuss an alternative resolution to this matter. Prior to the scheduling of a hearing in this matter, Ms. Picklo's attorney informed the SCDE that Ms. Picklo had agreed to waive her right to a hearing and had agreed to enter into this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Ms. Picklo's educator certificate 246489.

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**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Picklo holds a professional educator certificate and has one year of teaching experience. Ms. Picklo was previously employed by Florence County School District One (District), until she resigned on May 11, 2011, following a district investigation into allegations that Ms. Picklo was involved in an inappropriate relationship with a sixteen year old male high school student. Ms. Picklo admitted to some of the accusations and resigned from the District for personal reasons. On May 20, 2011, the District's Board of Trustees approved the District administration's recommendation to accept Ms. Picklo's resignation.

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Ms. Picklo agrees to the permanent surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 246489 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become permanently invalid and revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the voluntary surrender; (2) she has waived her right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) she understands that the permanent surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation with the reason stated as "unprofessional conduct."

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### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). Just cause includes: "Unprofessional conduct." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (Supp. 2010). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Ms. Picklo engaged in unprofessional conduct by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a sixteen year old male high school student. The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of educator certificate 246489; issued under the name of

Danielle Lynn Picklo, and to permanently revoke and render permanently invalid Ms. Picklo's educator certificate effective October 13, 2011.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Danielle Lynn Picklo, certificate 246489, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of the educator certificate of Danielle Lynn Picklo, certificate 246489 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct."

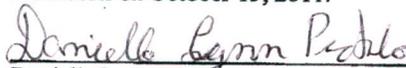
**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

South Carolina State Board of Education

By:   
Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
October 13, 2011

I, Danielle Lynn Picklo, S.C. Educator Certificate 246489, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of education certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Agreement are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily permanently surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina. I agree that I will not serve as a volunteer or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the South Carolina State Board of Education on October 13, 2011.

  
Danielle Lynn Picklo

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Date