

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the  
Disciplinary Action of the  
Educator Certificate of  
Sheila Y. Wilson  
Certificate 170142

**ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 7, 2025. On September 8, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Sheila Y. Wilson a notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Sheila Y. Wilson regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate 170142. After Ms. Wilson received the notice, she contacted the SCDE to discuss the matter but did not request a hearing. Ms. Wilson has provided a statement to the State Board of Education and does not wish to request a hearing or further participate in the process regarding the Public Reprimand of educator certificate 170142. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Public Reprimand of Ms. Wilson's educator certificate.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Wilson holds a South Carolina educator certificate. She has over twenty-nine years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. At the time of the incident, Ms. Wilson was employed by the Lexington County School District Two as a teacher at Cayce Elementary School.

Ms. Wilson was placed on administrative leave on December 5, 2024, following allegations she grabbed a student by their arms and lifted them with their shirt collar after they directed derogatory and profane terms towards her. Multiple student witnesses provided statements consistent with the allegations. In statements to the SCDE, Ms. Wilson acknowledged grabbing the student by the arms, but disputed grabbing the student's collar. Ms. Wilson further asserted that she grabbed the student following additional aggressive behavior by the student towards others and that the student told

Ms. Wilson that he would falsely report that she choked him. Ms. Wilson resigned her employment with the District effective January 15, 2025.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Public Reprimand of Sheila Y. Wilson's educator certificate.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board 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." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. Wilson engaged in unprofessional conduct due to making inappropriate physical contact with a student in response to a disciplinary issue. The State Board further finds that just cause exists to publicly reprimand Ms. Wilson's educator certificate.

The public reprimand of Ms. Wilson's educator certificate 170142 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Sheila Y. Wilson, certificate 170142, is publicly reprimanded.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

South Carolina Board of Education

s/Rita Allison

Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
October 7, 2025