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

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| In the Matter of the<br>Disciplinary Action of the<br>Educator Certificate of<br>Nathan Foster Bantz<br>Certificate 314682 | **ORDER OF SUSPENSION** |

## SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 7, 2026. On January 12, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Nathan Foster Bantz a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Bantz received the notice on January 22, 2026, as evidenced by signed postal receipt. He has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Nathan Foster Bantz's educator certificate for a period of one (1) year, commencing on April 7, 2026, and ending on April 6, 2027.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

Nathan Foster Bantz holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Mr. Bantz has less than one (1) year of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. Bantz was employed by Charleston County School District (District) as a science teacher at Wando High School.

On November 3, 2023, Mr. Bantz was terminated by the District for failure to abide by District policies and school rules and for evident unfitness to be a teacher. Specifically, a District investigation determined thar Mr. Bantz falsified student grades in PowerSchool, failed to maintain a secure testing environment, and failed to provide adequate access for a medical homebound student.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Suspension of Nathan Foster Bantz's educator certificate 314682 for a period of one (1) year, commencing on April 7, 2026, and ending on April 6, 2027.

**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 (Rev. 2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Nathan Foster Bantz engaged in unprofessional conduct for failure to abide by District policies and school rules and for evident unfitness to be a teacher. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Nathan Foster Bantz's educator certificate 314682 for a period of one (1) year, commencing on April 7, 2026, and ending on April 6, 2027.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Nathan Foster Bantz educator certificate 314682, is suspended for a period of one (1) year, commencing on April 7, 2026, and ending on April 6, 2027.

If Mr. Bantz wishes to have the certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Mr. Bantz shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Nathan Foster Bantz's educator certificate shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

South Carolina State Board of Education

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

Columbia, South Carolina
April 7, 2026