

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
 ) **License No. 107162**  
**DIXIE CORTEZ** )

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Tennessee State Board of Education (Board) disposes of this matter as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Dixie Cortez (“Respondent”) was licensed by the State Board of Education (“Board”) as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. Respondent’s Florida teaching license was suspended for misconduct relating to physical abuse of students and other non-sex related acts committed against a child.
3. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to suspend her license based upon the suspension of her Florida license, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5).

**ORDER**

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby suspends Respondent’s license concurrent with the suspension of her Florida license.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.

Approved by the Board this 31st day of October, 2014.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION

BY: *B. Fielding Rolston*  
B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: *Gary L. Nixon*  
Dr. Gary L. Nixon, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

*Phyllis E. Childress*  
NOTARY PUBLIC



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:  
January 9, 2016

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

Ms. Dixie Cortez  
5802 S. Bayberry Lane  
Tamarac, FL 33319