

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

February 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Norman C. Nichols**, Case No. **C-2012-089**

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: February 7, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Norman C. Nichols holds a Substitute certificate valid March 18, 2009 through January 24, 2015.

On March 26, 2012, the Arizona Department of Public Safety notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) that Mr. Nichols’ fingerprint card was suspended for an arrest or charge of Aggravated Assault and Arson.

On September 20, 2012, Mr. Nichols pled guilty to one count of Arson of an Occupied Structure and one count of Endangerment, in Maricopa County Superior Court. The court sentenced Mr. Nichols to seven years of incarceration, three years of probation, and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 fine.

On December 13, 2012, the Investigative Unit notified Mr. Nichols of the intent of the State Board of Education to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against his teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Mr. Nichols, he decided to surrender his teaching certificate.

On December 28, 2012, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Nichols notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Norman C. Nichols’ teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO