

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

August 26, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Cherna S. Surlin**, Case No. **C-2008-081**

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

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 8, 2013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Cherna S. Surlin** holds a Substitute certificate valid from September 22, 1980, through July 1, 2099.

On January 1, 2008, the Arizona Department of Public Safety notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) that Ms. Surlin’s fingerprint clearance card was suspended for an arrest or charge of narcotic drug – possession/use.

During its investigation, the Investigative Unit learned of additional arrests and convictions for issuing a bad check and assault.

On April 15, 2013, the Investigative Unit notified Ms. Surlin of the intent of the Board to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against her teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Ms. Surlin, she chose to surrender her teaching certificate.

On May 22, 2013, the Investigative Unit received Ms. Surlin’s notarized affidavit surrendering her teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Cherna S. Surlin’s teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**