



**South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission
Annual Report 2023**

As per SDCL 13-43-17.1 the Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing possible violations of the code of ethics for certified teachers. When the Commission determines that cause exists to believe a teacher has violated the code of ethics, the Commission holds a contested case hearing. Ultimately, if the Commission determines that the teacher violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25 and found in ARSD 24:08:03 the Commission may issue a private or public reprimand or recommend other appropriate disciplinary action which is in the best interest of the commission, the certificate holder, and the public. SDCL 13-43-28. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission files a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2023, the Commission received seventeen complaints, there were two pending complaints at the end of 2022. The commission met on ten occasions and held eleven contested case hearings in 2023. The Commission dismissed three complaints, issued one Private Reprimand, issued one Public Reprimand, and referred seven cases to the Secretary of the Department of Education for proceedings to revoke or suspend the teacher's certificate. There were seven complaints pending at the end of 2023.

Dated: January 31, 2024



Joy Robbins, Chairman
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission