

BEFORE THE TEACHIS STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the)
Educator License of)
DARREN E. GOODMAN)

On March 19, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the La Grande School District (District) indicating Darren E. Goodman (Goodman) may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the District reported that Goodman engaged in unprofessional behavior and consumed alcohol while on-duty at an off-campus venue.

After review of the matters alleged, Goodman and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a public reprimand.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Goodman stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Goodman waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Goodman acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Goodman nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an

1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

3 4 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 5 1. The Commission has licensed Goodman since September 25, 2018. Goodman
6 holds a Principal License, with an endorsement in Principal (PK-12), valid from
7 March 12, 2020, through January 13, 2024. During all relevant times, Goodman
8 was employed by the La Grande School District (LGSD).
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10 2. On March 19, 2020, the Commission received information from the LGSD
11 indicating Goodman may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of
12 duty. Specifically, the LGSD reported that on March 12, 2020, while at an off-
13 campus venue, Goodman behaved in an unprofessional manner around students
14 and Goodman also consumed alcohol while on duty in violation of district policy.
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16 3. Investigation determined that Goodman was hired by the LGSD with duties as an
17 administrator at the high school and as the district's athletic director. On Thursday,
18 March 12, 2020, the high school's female basketball team travelled to Forest Grove
19 to play in a tournament. Goodman also traveled to the tournament separate from
20 the team. In transit, Goodman learned the tournament was cancelled and the team
21 was returning La Grande. At approximately 12:00 PM, a parent contacted
22 Goodman to coordinate a meal for the team in The Dalles. At approximately 12:30
23 PM, Goodman arrived at the dining venue, a brew pub, to make dining
24 arrangements for the team which was expected to arrive at 1:00 PM. While waiting
25 for the team, Goodman consumed a beer on the patio of the venue. At
26 approximately 12:45 PM, the team arrived early to the venue and were seated.
27 Several students and members of the coaching staff observed from the dining area
28 that Goodman was on the patio and consuming a beer. The witnesses reported that
29 when Goodman finished consuming the beer, he immediately joined the team for
30 the meal.
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32 4. The district conducted an investigation and found Goodman failed to follow district
33 policies regarding staff conduct and a drug free workplace. Goodman was given a
34 Letter of Reprimand and suspended for three (3) days without pay.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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4 Darren E. Goodman

12-6-21
Date

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6 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
7 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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12/06/2021
Date

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10 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

11 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
12 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
13 *professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and*
14 *reasonable rules and regulations*).

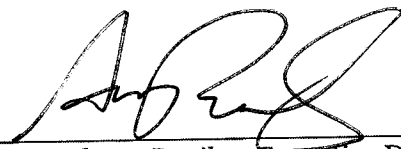
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16 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
17 ORS 342.175.

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19 **ORDER**

20 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
21 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a public reprimand upon Darren E.
22 Goodman's Oregon educator license.

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24 Issued and dated this 7 day of February, 2022.

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26 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
27 **STATE OF OREGON**

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30 By 
31 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director