

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

In the Matter of the )  
Educator License of )  
LAWRENCE E. SCHUMACHER )  
TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE

On April 28, 2023, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Lawrence E. Schumacher (Schumacher) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and/or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830 0001 6178 6032 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The regular first class and Certified Mail were not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 28, 2023, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

On May 17, 2023, Schumacher notified the Commission by email that he was not going to participate in a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Schumacher to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Commission has licensed Schumacher since July 30, 1990. Schumacher held a Principal License, with an endorsement in Principal (PK-12), valid from May 15, 2019, through August 9, 2022. During all relevant times, Schumacher was employed by the North Clackamas School District (NCSD) or at Kihei Elementary School (KES) in Maui, Hawaii.

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- 2 2. On June 2, 2020, the Commission received information from the Oregon
- 3 Department of Human Services (DHS) alleging Schumacher may have committed
- 4 acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically,
- 5 DHS reported Schumacher was alleged to have engaged in inappropriate
- 6 touching of a minor-aged female student while he was employed at Ardenwald
- 7 Elementary School (AES), NCSD, during the 2015-16 school year. The DHS
- 8 information also mentioned Schumacher was alleged to have engaged in
- 9 inappropriate touching of a minor-aged female student while he was employed at
- 10 KES in Hawaii, during the 2019-20 school year.
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- 12 3. On July 19, 2022, the Commission investigator attempted to contact Schumacher
- 13 via phone to schedule an interview. Schumacher's phone was unable to accept a
- 14 voicemail. On September 13, 2022, the Commission investigator sent a letter
- 15 requesting an interview. The letter was sent via First-class Mail and Certified
- 16 Mail to the address on file with the Commission. On September 29, 2022, the
- 17 Commission investigator received a letter from Schumacher, dated September 21,
- 18 2022, in which Schumacher acknowledged receiving the Certified Mail letter. In
- 19 the letter, Schumacher wrote a brief perspective on the matter with the NCSD
- 20 and that further questions should be directed to his attorney. On September 29,
- 21 2022, the Commission investigator contacted Schumacher's attorney's office and
- 22 was told the attorney represented Schumacher and would contact the
- 23 investigator. On November 11, 2022, the Commission investigator sent a letter to
- 24 the attorney requesting an interview with Schumacher. The letter was sent via
- 25 First-class Mail and Certified Mail. The mail was returned as Schumacher's
- 26 attorney's address had changed. On November 22, 2022, the Commission
- 27 investigator sent a letter to Schumacher's attorney requesting an interview with
- 28 Schumacher. The letter was sent via First-class Mail and Certified Mail. On
- 29 December 5, 2022, the US Postal Service verified the Certified letter was received
- 30 on November 29, 2022. The Commission investigator was not contacted to
- 31 schedule an interview.
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1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Lawrence E. Schumacher's conduct as described in paragraphs three (3) above  
3 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-  
4 0040(4)(n) as incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), 584-  
5 020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the*  
6 *law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*) and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p)  
7 (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator*  
8 *under investigation to respond to request for information, to furnish or to participate*  
9 *in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission*  
10 *investigation*).

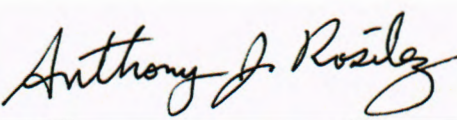
11 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon  
12 ORS 342.175.

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14 **FINAL ORDER**

15 The Commission hereby revokes Lawrence E. Schumacher's right to apply for an  
16 Oregon educator license.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 27 day of June, 2023.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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22 By:   
23 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director  
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26 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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28 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY  
29 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE  
30 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
31 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.