

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

In the Matter of the )  
Educator License of )  
AARON D. HILDEBRANDT )

On November 7, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Aaron D. Hildebrandt (Hildebrandt) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8184 2517 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 Certified Mail receipt was returned signed to the Commission and received on December 19, 2022. The First-class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated November 7, 2022, 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, 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.”**

Hildebrandt did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Hildebrandt 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. Hildebrandt has been licensed by the Commission since September 1, 2000. Hildebrandt held a Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Special Education - Generalist (PK-12), valid from October 24, 2017, through July

1 14, 2022. During all relevant times, Hildebrandt was employed by the Oregon  
2 City School District (OCSD).

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4 2. On February 11, 2022, the Commission received information from the Oregon  
5 Department of Human Services (DHS) reporting that Hildebrandt used  
6 unnecessary physical force with a student at Gardiner Middle School, OCSD.

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8 3. Investigation determined that on February 9, 2022, Hildebrandt was working as  
9 a Special Education (SPED) instructor at Gardiner Middle School. Two students  
10 were in an altercation in Hildebrandt's classroom, and Hildebrandt intervened.  
11 One student moved under a desk and, in a challenging tone, told Hildebrandt  
12 that he could not touch her. Hildebrandt indicated to the student he could  
13 because of his training. The classroom was cleared of other students. As  
14 Hildebrandt attempted to get the student from under the desk, the student began  
15 kicking and swinging her arms at him. Hildebrandt grabbed the student firmly by  
16 the arms and pulled the student out from under the desk in a non-approved  
17 manner. Hildebrandt then held the student in an unapproved manner and led the  
18 student out of the classroom to the health room.

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20 4. The district's investigation found that Hildebrandt violated district policy by not  
21 effectively utilizing communication skills and other de-escalate techniques and  
22 then using a non-approved restraint technique. The district determined they  
23 would not renew Hildebrandt's probationary teacher contract.

### 24 25 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

26 Aaron D. Hildebrandt's conduct, as described in section three (3) above, constitutes  
27 gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it  
28 incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0010(1)  
29 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-  
30 020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*  
31 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in*  
32 *communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); and OAR

1 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or*  
2 *visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).

3 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
4 342.175.

6 **FINAL ORDER**


7 The Commission hereby issues a Public Reprimand upon Aaron D. Hildebrandt's  
8 Oregon educator license.

9 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of one (1) year of probation upon  
10 Hildebrandt's licensure to commence from the date the order is signed by the Commission  
11 and subject to the following condition:

- 12 1. Hildebrandt shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical  
13 Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter  
14 584, Division 020.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13 day of January, 2023.

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18 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

19 By:   
20 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director  
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24 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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