

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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Educator License of) FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION
MICHAEL J. ARTHUR) OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR
) LICENSURE AND PROBATION

9 On August 24, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
10 received a report from the Arthur Academy Charter School that Michael J. Arthur (Arthur) may
11 have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. The report alleged Arthur
12 engaged in inappropriate teacher/student boundaries with multiple students from St. Helens-
13 Yankton Arthur Academy.

14 After review of the matters alleged, Arthur and the Commission agree that their
15 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
16 facts, to the imposition of a thirty (30) day suspension of Arthur's right to apply for an Oregon
17 educator license and a two (2) year period of probation with conditions.

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

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

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

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4 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

5 1. Michael J. Arthur has been licensed by the Commission since November 27, 2007. Arthur
6 held a Charter School Registry - Administrator, with an endorsement in Administrator (PK-
7 12), valid from March 21, 2020, through March 20, 2023. During all relevant times, Arthur
8 was employed at the St. Helens-Yankton Arthur Academy, Arthur Academy Charter School
9 (AACs).

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11 2. On August 24, 2022, the Commission received a report from AACs indicating Arthur may
12 have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, AACs
13 alleged Arthur engaged in teacher/student boundary violations, and unprofessional conduct
14 with a staff member.

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16 3. Investigation found that during the period from 2007 to 2013, Arthur made unwanted
17 physical contact with two students by placing his hands on the students' shoulders and hair.
18 During this same period, Arthur gave one of these students rides in his personal automobile
19 to the student's residence when there were no parents at home. During the period of 2018 to
20 2022, Arthur invaded the personal space of another student, by speaking in close proximity
21 to the student's ear which the student reported to have caused a "tickling" sensation. In
22 2022, Arthur's use of affectionate nicknames made multiple students uncomfortable.

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24 4. Investigation found several incidents beginning in 2021 until the spring of 2022, in which
25 Arthur raised his voice with a teacher during an interaction regarding their duties and their
26 management of students; Arthur consumed, on at least one occasion and without
27 permission, the lunch and snacks the same teacher had brought to school for themselves;
28 and during meetings with faculty and staff, Arthur would limit this teacher from speaking.
29 During Arthur's tenure with AACs, he often gave some staff nicknames, which some staff
30 considered were inappropriate or demeaning.

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1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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9 Cristina Edgar, Director of Professional Practices
10 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13 Michael J. Arthur's conduct as described in section four (4) above constitutes gross
14 neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
15 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-030(2)(b) (*Skill in
16 communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents and other patrons*); and OAR
17 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate
18 adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

19 Arthur's conduct described in section five (5) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in
20 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
21 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating
22 with administrators, students, staff, parents and other patrons*).

23 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
24 342.175.

FINAL ORDER

27 The Commission hereby suspends Michael J. Arthur's right to apply for an Oregon
28 teacher license for a period of thirty (30) days.

29 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of two (2) years of probation upon
30 Arthur's licensure to commence from the date the license is issued by the Commission and
31 subject to the following conditions:

- 32 1. Arthur shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of
33 Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.
- 34 2. Arthur shall successfully complete a Commission approved training course on
35 teacher/student boundaries and provide evidence of such training prior to
36 reinstatement of his Oregon educator license.

1 Issued and dated this 19th day of November, 2025.

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3 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
4 **STATE OF OREGON**

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8 By: Rachel Alpert
9 Rachel Alpert, Executive Director

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13 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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