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

In the Matter of the)	STIPULATION OF FACTS
Educator License of)	AND FINAL ORDER OF
ANGELLA K. GRAVES)	PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On September 8, 2023, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) indicating Angella K. Graves (Graves) may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness.

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

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Graves 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, Graves waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Graves acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her 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 Graves nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she 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) she states that no promise or representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

- 1. The Commission has licensed Graves since July 1, 1998. Graves holds a Professional Teaching License with endorsements in Standard Elementary (PK-12), Standard Social Studies (PK-12), Mid-Level Emphasis (PK-12), Basic English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (PK-12), Elementary Multiple Subjects (PK-12), Social Studies (PK-12), and ESOL (PK-12), valid from December 16, 2019, through October 9, 2025. Graves also holds a Professional Administrator License with an endorsement in Administrator (PK-12), valid from October 10, 2021, through October 9, 2026. During all relevant times, Graves was employed by the Forest Grove School District (FGSD).
- 2. On September 8, 2023, the Commission received a report from Oregon's Department of Human Services (DHS) containing allegations Graves may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty. Specifically, the allegations were that Graves transported a student in her personal vehicle without the knowledge or consent of the parent, and that Graves went to the student's house and made threatening comments to the student's older siblings.
- 3. Investigation found that on August 21 and 25, 2023, Graves attempted to text the mother and oldest sister of a five (5) year-old student, AD. Graves intended to get parental consent to transport AD to school and to provide the family time, approximately 30 minutes, to get AD ready for school. AD's mother's and sister's phones were not in service at that time and Graves was unable to obtain parental consent to transport AD. Graves proceeded to drive to AD's residence. AD's mother was not home to consent to Graves transporting AD to school. Graves requested AD's older siblings get AD ready for school. Graves then transported AD in her personal automobile to Cornelius Elementary School. Graves did not meet the District's policy requirements for transporting students in her personal vehicle to school.
- 4. Investigation found that on November 3, 2023, the FGSD issued Graves a Letter of Reprimand for violating district policies regarding transporting a student in her personal vehicle.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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Cristin Edgar, Director of Professional Practices Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Graves' conduct described in section three (3) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), OAR 584-020-0025(3)(a) (Leadership skills in managing the school, its students, staff, and programs as required by lawful and reasonable district policies, rules, and regulations, state and federal laws and regulations, and programs as assigned, and assumes that staff is informed of these requirements), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents and other patrons).

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

ORDER

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a public reprimand upon Angella K. Graves' Oregon educator license.

Issued and dated this

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION STATE OF OREGON

Rachel Alpert, Executive Director