

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

In the Matter of the )  
Teaching License of )  
WALLACE GENE HARP )

On March 19, 2009, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Wallace Gene Harp (Harp) in which the Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7006 2760 0000 1638 5865 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated March 19, 2009, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"You, Wallace G. Harp, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."

Certified Mail receipts show that Harp received the notice on March 20, 2009.

Harp did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr. Harp to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Harp since July 1, 1973. Mr. Harp currently holds a Standard Administrative License valid March 7, 2006 through March 6, 2011, with a Standard Administrative endorsement.

2. During the period of approximately January 2005 to June 2005, while employed as the principal of St. Mary's Cathedral School, Harp stuck already chewed gum on the vehicles driven to school by teacher Liane Rae. This activity occurred on many occasions and upset Ms. Rae, who became upset by this conduct thinking students were targeting her vehicles.

1 3. Mr. Harp continued to place gum on the vehicles after Ms. Rae sought his assistance in  
2 the matter. Mr. Harp announced his conduct at a faculty luncheon as a humorous  
3 anecdote.

#### 4 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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6 Wallace Harp's conduct toward Ms. Rae constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of  
7 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) (*Substantial deviation from professional*  
8 *standards of ethics*) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the*  
9 *profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*). Mr.  
10 Harp's conduct also constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR  
11 584-020-0040(4)(n) (*Substantial deviation from professional standards of competency*) as it  
12 incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect*  
13 *for each individual*). The Commission has the authority to impose discipline in this matter under  
14 ORS 342.120 through 342.430 and OAR Chapter 584.

#### 15 FINAL ORDER

16 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of facts and  
17 conclusions of law, and based thereon, hereby imposed a Public Reprimand on the Standard  
18 Administrative License issued to Wallace Gene Harp.

19 Issued and dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

20 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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23 By:   
24 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

#### 25 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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