

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

In the Matter of the )  
Educator License of )  
BRADFORD LEE DALTON )  
STIPULATION OF FACTS AND  
FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION  
AND PROBATION

On or about September 17, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Astoria School District alleging that Bradford Lee Dalton (Dalton) had violated Professional Standards and Practices.

After review of the matters alleged, Dalton and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a 60 day suspension of educator license, and a two (2) year period of probation.

This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Dalton stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

By signing below, Dalton acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following:

(i) he has been fully advised of his 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 Suspension and Probation (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 Dalton nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he 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) he states that no promises or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to

1 entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order  
2 below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

4 1) Dalton has been licensed as an Educator in Oregon since August 20, 2003. Dalton holds an Initial  
5 I Teaching License, with endorsements in Advanced Mathematics (HS, ML), Chemistry (HS, ML),  
6 Physical Education (ML/HS), and Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL); valid December 10, 2012, thru  
7 December 9, 2015. During all relevant times, Dalton was employed by the Astoria School District.

8 2) On August 25, 2013, Dalton was arrested on charges stemming from a domestic corporal  
9 punishment incident between Dalton and his then 11 year old daughter, SD, which occurred at  
10 Dalton's residence on July 30, 2013. Dalton's daughter, SD, was in private school at the time of  
11 the incident, but is currently attending school in the Astoria School District. While the incident did  
12 not result in bruising, Dalton's physical contact caused redness to his daughter's shoulders and  
13 buttocks.

14 3) Dalton was originally charged with Assault IV (ORS 163.160) and Strangulation (ORS 163.187),  
15 both class C felonies. Dalton acknowledged spanking his daughter, but denied assaulting or  
16 strangling her. The State and Dalton agreed to enter into a plea agreement on November 13, 2013,  
17 in which the State dropped all felony charges and Dalton plead guilty to Assault IV, a class A  
18 misdemeanor, stating that "I recklessly caused physical injury (impairment) to my daughter [\*\*\*]  
19 when she hit her back on a table in kitchen." Dalton was sentenced to eighteen months' probation  
20 with requirements to participate in assessments and treatment as directed.

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22 4) Dalton successfully completed required assessments and treatment program. Dalton continues to  
23 participate in family counseling.

24 5) Dalton has no known history of anger management problems in the classroom or prior domestic  
25 violence.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

2 Bradford Lee Dalton

3 Bradford Lee Dalton

7/27/15  
Date

4 Victoria Chamberlain

5 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

8-17-15  
Date

6 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 Bradford Lee Dalton's conduct described in sections two and three above constitutes gross  
9 neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR  
10 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law,*  
11 *exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*). This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in  
12 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state,*  
13 *or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result*  
14 *of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means*), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or*  
15 *engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

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

17 **ORDER**

18 The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above stipulation of facts,  
19 conclusions of law, and based thereon hereby imposes a 60 day suspension upon Dalton's Educator  
20 License as follows:

21 Bradford Lee Dalton's Educator License is hereby suspended for 60 days following the  
22 adoption of this order.

23 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of two years of probation upon Dalton to  
24 commence upon reinstatement of his license and subject to the following terms and conditions of  
25 probation:

- 26 1. Dalton shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon  
27 Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.  
28 2. Dalton will continue to participate in any ongoing counseling recommended by his current  
29 provider.

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2 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for the  
3 Commission to revoke Dalton's educator license or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing  
4 Dalton with notice and opportunity for hearing.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 20 15.

8 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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10 By: Victoria Chamberlain  
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director