

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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
MOLLY ANN MURPHY)

On July 12, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Molly Ann Murphy (Murphy) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n), OAR 584-020-0010(5) and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(j). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7010 022780 0000 2187 6768 to the address on file with the Commission. The certified mail was returned to the Commission as unclaimed. The regular mail was not returned and is assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 12, 2011, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, 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 OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

Murphy did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Murphy 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. Molly Ann Murphy was initially licensed as a teacher in Oregon on August 12, 2010. Murphy's Initial Teaching License, with endorsements in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ML/HS, ECE/ELE), Language Arts (MS, ML), and Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL), issued on April 12, 2010 expired on October 12, 2011.
2. On August 3, 2010, Murphy entered into a temporary contract with the Bend-LaPine School District for the 2010-2011 school year, ending June 11, 2011. On November 14, 2010 Murphy provided a letter to the district resigning her position immediately.
3. Murphy neglected to provide the district with the required period of advance notice.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Molly Ann Murphy's behavior as described in #2 above constitutes gross neglect of duty
3 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
4 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(j) (*Resignation from a*
5 *contract in violation of ORS 342.553*).

6 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
7 342.175.

8 **FINAL ORDER**

9 The Commission hereby suspends Molly Ann Murphy's right to apply for a license for a
10 period of 60 days.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 2nd day of November, 2011.

12 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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15 By: 
16 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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20 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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