

1 a. On October 5, 2011, Stoddard was issued a "Notice of Decision to
2 Reprimand" regarding Stoddard's use of unreasonable physical force
3 against a student (AF) when Stoddard struck the student with a book.
4 Investigative materials describe Stoddard's conduct as "Boxing a student
5 on the head/shoulder with a paperback book, while screaming "knock it
6 off" for being disruptive in class". The student reported being upset by
7 Stoddard's actions and claimed to have received a scratch or red mark
8 from Stoddard striking him with the book. During a subsequent staff
9 meeting where the incident was discussed, Stoddard stated words to the
10 effect that AF "deserved it, and I would do it again."

11 b. On May 15, 2012, school officials reported that Stoddard had grabbed a
12 student (KG) by the arm, dug her fingernails into the underside of the arm
13 while yelling at the student. The involved student complained that they
14 were in pain from Stoddard's actions for several hours.

15 3. On May 22, 2012, school officials terminated Stoddard's employment in part due to a
16 continued pattern of inappropriate physical force against students. Commission
17 investigators made numerous attempts to interview Stoddard regarding these
18 allegations. Stoddard failed to comply with requests to be interviewed as required.

19 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

20 Stoddard's conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
21 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
22 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR
23 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*
24 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d)
25 (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the*
26 *school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p)
27 (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator*
28 *under investigation to respond to requests for information, to furnish documents or to*
29 *participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission*
30 *investigation*).
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1 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
2 342.175.

3 **FINAL ORDER**

4 The Commission hereby revokes Abiella Christa Stoddard's right to apply for
5 licensure.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 31st day of October, 2014.

7 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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10 By: 
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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15 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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