

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

3 In the Matter of the)
4 Educator License of)
5 SHARON MARIA SANCHEZ-ARAGON)
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7 **STIPULATION OF FACTS AND**
8 **FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND**

9 On November 18, 2013, the Commission received a report from the Philomath
10 Public School District alleging that Sharon Maria Sanchez-Aragon (Sanchez-Aragon) had
11 violated professional standards.

12 After review of the matters alleged, Sanchez-Aragon and the Commission agree
13 that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a
14 stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a public reprimand and a period of
15 probation.

16 By signing below, Sanchez-Aragon acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and
17 agrees to the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing
18 to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully
19 and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this
20 Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii)
21 this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon
22 request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and
23 subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not
24 approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Sanchez-Aragon nor
25 the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation
26 and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or
27 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of
28 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or representation has
29 been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has
30 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully
31 advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an
32 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
33 the Stipulated Final Order below.

34 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 35 1. Sharon Maria Sanchez-Aragon has been licensed by the Commission since February 25,
 1998. Sanchez-Aragon's Standard Teaching License, with endorsements in Basic
 Mathematics (018), Basic ESOL/Bilingual (017), and Basic Spanish (018), is valid from

June 7, 2014, through June 6, 2019. During all relevant times, Sanchez-Aragon was employed by the Philomath Public School District.

2. On November 18, 2013, the Commission received a report from the Philomath Public School District alleging Sanchez-Aragon may have violated professional standards; specifically, that Sanchez-Aragon promoted religious beliefs to students. The school district conducted an investigation and found the following:
 3. Sanchez-Aragon displayed multiple items of a religious nature in her classroom. These items included:
 - a. Picture displays with references to specific scripture passages in Spanish;
 - b. One or more holy water reservoirs in the form of a Spanish Saint;
 - c. Multiple bumper stickers/displays with religious messages in Spanish, one of which expressed an anti-abortion message;
 4. Sanchez indicated that these items had been in her room for several years, without any comment by administrators, and she considered them to have an educational purpose. Nevertheless, the number of items and the predominantly religious nature of these items could be construed by students to promote religious beliefs. Sanchez agreed to remove the items, upon request.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Sharon Maria Sanchez-Aragon

Date

Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

Date

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Sharon Maria Sanchez-Aragon's conduct described above either individually or collectively, 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 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from*

1 *exploiting professional relationships for personal gain or in support of persons or*
2 *issues).*

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

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6 **ORDER**

7 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
8 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Sharon Maria
9 Sanchez-Aragon's Teaching License.

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11 Issued and dated this 20th day of June, 2016.

12 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
13 **STATE OF OREGON**

14 By 
15 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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