1	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON
3 4 5 6	In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND Educator License of) FINAL ORDER OF ERIC S. COHN) PUBLIC REPRIMAND
7	On June 12, 2018, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
8	(Commission) received a misconduct report from the Hood River County School District
9	indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Eric S.
10	Cohn (Cohn).
11	After review of the matters alleged, Cohn and the Commission agree that their
12	respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to
13	certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand.
14	This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the
15	sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Cohn waives the right to a
16	hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.
17	By signing below, Cohn acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
18	following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the
19	findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally
20	waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of
21	Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this
22	Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon
23	request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and
24	subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not
25	approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Cohn nor the
26	Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and
27	Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or
28	duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of
29	the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has
30	been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has
31	consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully
32	advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an
33	attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of

the Stipulated Final Order below.

1	STIPULATION OF FACTS
2	1. The Commission has licensed Cohn since June 26, 1989. Cohn holds a
3	Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Integrated Science (PK-12),
4	Biology (PK-12), and Foundational Mathematics (PK-12), valid from October 20,
5	2016, through December 21, 2021. During all relevant times, Cohn was employed
6	by Hood River County School District (HRCSD).
7	2. On June 12, 2018, the Commission received a report from the HRCSD indicating
8	Cohn had engaged in conduct that may be considered gross neglect of duty
9	and/or gross unfitness. Specifically the report alleged Cohn had inappropriate
10	physical contact with a student and directed inappropriate comments to students
11	3. Investigation determined that towards the end of the second quarter of the 2017-
12	2018 school year, several students made comments about Cohn's age. Cohn told
13	students he was not old and in an attempt at humor, grabbed a male, eighth-
14	grade student by the arm, pulled him from his seat, and nudged the student
15	several times. As Cohn was physically engaged with the student, Cohn made
16	comments to the class that when this student is in ninth grade, he would not be
17	able to do this because the student would be bigger and stronger. Cohn had
18	always maintained a good relationship with the student and had joked with the
19	student in the past. Cohn's comments were intended as a compliment to the
20	student, and the horseplay was good natured and not done out of anger or to
21	intimidate the student. Cohn apologized to the student and the student's parents
22	for unintentionally embarrassing the student. Cohn maintained a positive
23	relationship with the student and parents after the incident and in the
24	subsequent years. Cohn completed an online training course to improve his
25	interactions with students.
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29	IT IS SO STIPULATED:
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31	Eric S. Cohn Date 03/09/2021
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34 35	Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Date Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

1	CONCLUSION OF LAW
2	The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
3	342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use
4	professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (Skill in the supervision of students),
5	OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations)
6	and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow
7	employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250); OAR 584-
8	020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate
9	adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times).
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11	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
12	ORS 342.175.
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14	ORDER
15	The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
16	conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Eric S. Cohn's
17	Oregon educator license.
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