

- 1 2. On October 1, 2019, the Commission received information from the LCSD
2 indicating Goff may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty.
3 The district reported that on or about September 25, 2019, Goff was under the
4 influence of intoxicants at Waldport Middle/High School, his assigned place of
5 duty.
- 6 3. Investigation found that on August 29, 2019, two teachers reported smelling
7 alcohol on Goff's breath at a school open house. On September 13, 2019, another
8 teacher reported smelling alcohol on Goff's breath when the teacher came to
9 escort some students back to class. On September 14, 2019, Goff was asked about
10 these incidents by the principal. Goff told the principal that the smell was his
11 mouthwash. On September 25, 2019, the school principal noticed the smell of
12 alcohol on Goff's breath while he was apologizing for being late for work. Goff
13 was called to the assistant principal's office and in the presence of a law
14 enforcement officer, Goff admitted to consuming two ounces of hard liquor at
15 school on his lunch break. The vice principal went to retrieve some of Goff's
16 personal items from Goff's office and found a plastic water bottle that smelled of
17 alcohol. On September 30, 2019, Goff resigned from the district citing personal
18 reasons.

19 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

20 Tryon J. Goff's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in
21 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-
22 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district*
23 *lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g)
24 (*Appearing on duty or at any district-sponsored activity while under the influence of*
25 *alcohol or any controlled substance*).

26
27 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
28 ORS 342.175.

29 ///

30 ///

31 ///

32 ///

1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby suspends Tryon Goff's Right to Apply for an Oregon
3 educator license as follows:

4 Tryon J. Goff's Right to Apply for Oregon Licensure is suspended for six (6)
5 months following adoption of this order.

6 To be eligible for reinstatement from the suspension, Goff must submit a
7 favorable substance abuse evaluation and treatment plan from a provider acceptable to
8 the Commission. This requirement is in addition to any other licensure requirements
9 that may be required by license rules.


10 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a two (2) year period of probation upon
11 Goff to commence upon reinstatement of his Oregon educator license and subject to the
12 following terms and conditions of probation:

- 13 1. Goff will continue with any recommended treatment and/or recovery
14 plans and activities during probation.
- 15 2. Goff shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical
16 Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules
17 Chapter 584, Division 020.

18 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent
19 basis for the Commission to revoke Goff's Oregon educator License or otherwise impose
20 discipline, after first providing Goff with notice and opportunity for hearing.

21
22 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 11th day of June, 2021.

23
24 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

25 By: 
26 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
27

28 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

29
30 **YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY**
31 **BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE**
32 **SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF**
33 **ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.**