

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
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4 In the Matter of the ) DEFAULT ORDER OF  
5 Educator License of ) PUBLIC REPRIMAND  
6 MICHAEL D. VAN LOON )

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8 On August 17, 2021, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
9 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Michael D. Van Loon (Van Loon) in which the  
10 Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent  
11 via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8183 7667 to the  
12 address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record  
13 for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was signed on August 27,  
14 2021 and returned to the Commission. The regular first-class mail was not returned to the  
15 Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated August 21,  
16 2021, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

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18 “IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD,  
19 YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR  
20 FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE  
21 CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST  
22 FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE  
23 COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION  
24 WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION  
25 OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”  
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27 On September 7, 2021, Van Loon requested a hearing. On January 12, 2021, Van Loon notified  
28 the Commission he was withdrawing his right to a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds  
29 Van Loon to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final  
30 order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.  
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32 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 33 1. The Commission has licensed Michael D. Van Loon since April 10, 2017. Van Loon holds a  
34 Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Advanced Mathematics (PK-12),  
35 valid from March 27, 2020, through May 15, 2023.
- 36 2. On May 12, 2020, the Commission received a report from the Klamath Falls City Schools  
37 (KFCS) alleging that Van Loon falsified his application for employment with the district by  
38 failing to disclose and inaccurately disclosing information regarding his past criminal history  
39 and a past Commission sanction.

- 1 3. Investigation determined that on October 31, 2014, the Commission revoked Van Loon's  
2 right to apply for a license based on his lack of cooperation during a Commission  
3 investigation related to issues identified in his background investigation. On August 18,  
4 2016, Van Loon made application for reinstatement of his right to apply for licensure. On  
5 April 7, 2017, the Commission reinstated Van Loon's right to apply for a license, which the  
6 Commission issued on April 10, 2017.
- 7 4. Investigation determined that from June 2017, through March 2020, Van Loon completed  
8 and submitted multiple applications for employment with several school districts in Oregon.  
9 Most of the positions Van Loon applied for required an Oregon educator or administrator  
10 license. Of the applications reviewed in the Commission's investigation, most were online  
11 applications and most included a section of questions relating to background and/or  
12 character and a section containing a disclaimer and affirmation regarding the consequences  
13 for lying, offering dishonest information, and providing false or misleading information.  
14 Submissions of applications required an affirmation which Van Loon completed either by  
15 placing his initials or the date on the applications. Van Loon failed to fully disclose or  
16 misrepresented on several applications that his right to apply for licensure had been revoked  
17 and he failed to provide the reason for the revocation.

#### 18 19 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20 Michael D. Van Loon'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 584-020-  
22 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-02-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-  
23 020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law,*  
24 *exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Falsification of*  
25 *any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or*  
26 *professional duties*). This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS  
27 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(b) (*Fraud or misrepresentation*).

28 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
29 342.175.


#### 30 31 **FINAL ORDER**

32 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and  
33 conclusions of law, based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Michel D. Van Loon's  
34 Oregon educator license.

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Issued and dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

**TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

By:   
Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

**NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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