

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

3 In the Matter of the )           STIPULATION OF FACTS AND  
4 Educator License of )           FINAL ORDER OF  
5 KYLE A. PETERSON   )           PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND  
6    )           PROBATION  
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9           On July 21, 2021, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
10 (Commission) received a misconduct report from the Lebanon Community School  
11 District (LCSD), indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed  
12 educator, Kyle A. Peterson, (Peterson).

13           After review of the matters alleged, Peterson and the Commission agree that their  
14 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to  
15 certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

16           This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the  
17 sanction to be imposed. Peterson stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in  
18 the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law  
19 set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Peterson waives the right to a hearing  
20 to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

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

1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of  
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

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**STIPULATION OF FACTS**

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1. The Commission has licensed you since August 19, 2017. Peterson currently  
6 holds a Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Advanced  
7 Mathematics (PK-12), valid from March 18, 2021 through March 17, 2024.  
8 During all relevant times, Peterson was employed by the LCSD.

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2. On July 21, 2021, TSPC received a report from LCSD alleging misconduct.  
11 According to the report from LCSD, Peterson engaged in unnecessary and  
12 excessive communication with a high school student outside of the classroom  
13 using district email. The communication occurred primarily during the 2020-  
14 2021 school year, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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3. According to the LCSD investigation into this matter, Peterson admitted to  
17 unnecessary and excessive communication with the student using district email.  
18 At the time the investigation was completed, Peterson already had a resignation  
19 agreement with LCSD in place for reasons that were “unrelated” to this  
20 investigation.

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
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4. On February 8, 2022, Peterson interviewed with TSPC investigative staff in the  
23 presence of his attorney, Simonne Weyand. During the interview, Peterson  
24 admitted to the unnecessary and excessive communication with the student using  
25 district email. Peterson described his relationship with the student as “very  
26 teacher-student” or “coach-athlete.” Peterson acknowledged that his  
27 conversations with the student did get “more friendly” but reported that it never  
28 crossed over to inappropriate. Peterson denied ever communicating with the  
29 student using personal electronic devices or email.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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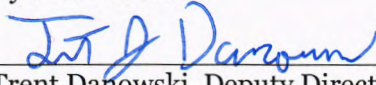
  
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Kyle A. Peterson

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Trent Danowski, Deputy Director  
36 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

8/11/2022

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**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

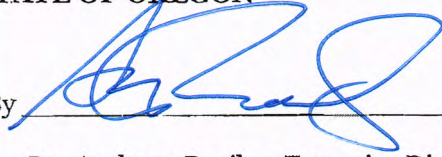
The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

**ORDER**

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand with three (3) years probation. Additionally, a Professional Boundaries Course is ordered to be completed during the first year of probation.

Issued and dated this 14 day of October 2022.

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

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director