

1 advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an
2 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
3 the Stipulated Final Order below.

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5 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**
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- 7 1. The Commission has licensed Werschkul since June 18, 1999. Werschkul
8 holds a Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Multiple
9 Subjects (PK-12); valid from May 14, 2021 through May 13, 2026. During all
10 relevant times, Werschkul was employed by the Portland Public School
11 District (PPS).
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- 13 2. On January 11, 2022, the Commission received a School District Misconduct
14 Report from the PPS alleging misconduct which would constitute gross
15 neglect of duty and / or gross unfitness on the part of Werschkul, a licensed
16 educator for the State of Oregon. The report alleged that on November 15,
17 2021, while working at Forest Park Elementary School (FPES), Werschkul lost
18 a small bag of personal medication which was contained in a plastic bag. The
19 report alleged that after losing the bag of pills Werschkul did not immediately
20 disclose the type of medication for over 24 hours to PPS or FMES
21 administration. On November 16, 2022, an elementary school student found
22 the pills on the playground and turned them in. FPES contacted Poison
23 Control and confirmed that the pills were Oxycodone.
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- 25 3. PPS determined that Werschkul had violated the PPS Drug Free Workplace
26 policy by possessing a controlled substance on school grounds. PPS issued
27 Werschkul a three (3) day unpaid suspension and a written reprimand.
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- 29 4. On November 30, 2022, Werschkul participated in a phone interview with
30 TSPC investigative staff, in the presence of her attorney, Ralph Wiser. During
31 the interview Werschkul admitted the allegations above and stated that she
32 takes full responsibility for them and has voluntarily sought substance abuse

1 treatment. TSPC and PPS were able to verify Werschkul's participation in
2 substance abuse treatment via documentation from her treatment provider.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Kelly Werschkul
Kelly L. Werschkul

3/23/23
Date

Trent Danowski
Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

3/27/2023
Date

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

13 The conduct described in sections two (2) and (3) above constitutes gross neglect
14 of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
15 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*
16 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*).

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

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ORDER

21 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
22 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand of Kelly L.
23 Werschkul's Oregon educator license and imposition of a four (4) year period of
24 probation.

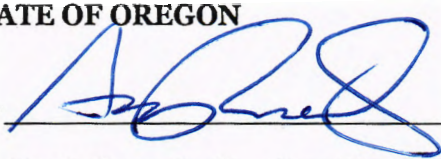
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Issued and dated this 7 day of April, 2023.

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Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director