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 6 7 JILL ANN KECK) PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND PROBATION 8 9 On January 18, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 10 (Commission) received a misconduct report from the Lincoln County School District (LCSD), indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Jill 11 12 Ann Keck (Keck). 13 After review of the matters alleged, Keck 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 and period of Probation of Keck's 16 teaching license. This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the 17 18 sanction to be imposed. Keck stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the 19 Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set 20 forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Keck waives the right to a hearing to 21 contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below. 22 By signing below, Keck acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the 23 following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest 24 the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally 25 waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of 26 Facts and Final Order of Revocation (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation 27 and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the 28 Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to 29 approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and 30 adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Keck nor the Commission are bound 31 by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and 32 understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into 33 this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated 34

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Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or representation has been made to

induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an

attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with

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

STIPULATION OF FACTS

 Keck currently holds a Preliminary Teaching License with endorsements in Elementary – Multiple Subjects (PK-12) valid from December 12, 2020 through October 11, 2023. During all relevant times Keck was employed by the Lincoln County School District (LCSD).

2. On January 18, 2022 TSPC received a Misconduct Report from the LCSD. The report alleged that Keck had been arraigned on charges of Criminal Mistreatment, Strangulation and Assault 4. The abuse that was alleged to have occurred in the criminal charges was against her 13-year-old daughter, on a single day, November 7, 2021.

3. District investigative documents and the Newport Police Department report indicated that Keck was alleged to have engaged in physical abuse of her daughter. Keck was initially indicted on charges of Criminal Mistreatment, Strangulation and Assault in the 4th degree on November 18, 2021. On March 23, 2022, Keck pled guilty to, and was convicted of a single Misdemeanor Class A charge of Assault in the 4th degree. The remaining charges were dropped. Keck was sentenced to 36 months bench probation.

4. On April 21, 2022, Keck was interviewed by TSPC investigative staff in the presence of her attorney, Liz Joffe. During the interview Keck denied ever intentionally hitting, striking, or harming her daughter. Keck reported that the incident that led to the criminal charges occurred when her daughter, who Keck stated is larger than her, came at her forcefully when the daughter was emotionally escalated due to an argument, and Keck put her hands out to stop her. Keck stated that this was only done as a protective reaction and was never intended to harm her. Keck reported that her daughter did not indicate at the time that she was injured and that the morning after this incident, the two of them hugged and said they were sorry. Keck only later learned that her

daughter reported to Keck's ex-husband that Keck's hand caused a scrape in her daughter's mouth. Keck's ex-husband then made an abuse report. Keck reported that much of the incident stated above was an exaggeration by her daughter, and she stated that she believes her ex-husband had reported the incident to the police due to an ongoing custody dispute between them. Keck concluded the interview by reporting that she had complied with all court-ordered matters as well as obtained her own mental health counseling.

5. The allegations underlying the criminal charges were all off school premises and off-duty. As of time of the writing of this Stipulated Order, Keck has no known discipline or complaints in her District personnel file. At this time, TSPC is unaware of any prior criminal charges or convictions of a similar nature.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:	
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Jill Ann Keck	Date 9/15/2022
Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	Date
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Your criminal conviction/arrest as described in sections two (2) and three (3) above constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means).

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 of Jill A. Keck's Oregon educator license and imposition of a three (3) year period of probation.

1	Issued and dated this day of October, 2022.
2	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
3	STATE OF OREGON
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6	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director