1	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON				
3 4 5 6	In the Matter of the Educator License of GREGORY C. DANESE)	STIPULATION OF FACTS AND FINAL ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND & PROBATION		
7	On October 7, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission				
8	(Commission) received a report from the Portland Public School District (District)				
9	indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Gregory C.				
10	Danese (Danese). Specifically, the District reported Danese was alleged to have				
11	inappropriately communicated with a student and violated teacher/student boundaries.				
12	After review of the matters alleged, Danese and the Commission agree that their				
13	respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to				
14	certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand and Probation.				
15	This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the				
16	sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Danese waives the right to a				
17	hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.				
18	By signing below, Danese acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to				
19	the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest				
20	the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally				
21	waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of				
22	Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand and Probation (Stipulation and Final Order);				
23	(ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public				
24	upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stip	ulation and Final Order is contingent		
25	upon and subject to approval and a	doption by t	he Commission. If the Commission does		
26	not approve and adopt this Stipulat	tion and Fina	al Order, then neither Danese nor the		
27	Commission are bound by the term	s herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and		
28	Final Order, and understands it cor	mpletely; (v)	he voluntarily, without any force or		
29	duress, enters into this Stipulation	and Final O	rder and consents to issuance and entry o	f	
30	the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states	that no promise or representation has		
31	been made to induce him to sign th	is Stipulatio	n and Final Order; and (vii) he has		
32	consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully				
33	advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an				
34	attorney prior to entering into this	Stipulation a	and Final Order and issuance and entry of	f	
35	the Stipulated Final Order below.				

1 STIPULATION OF FACTS 2 1. The Commission has licensed Danese since December 8, 2021. Danese held a 3 Restricted Teaching License, with an endorsement in Physical Education (PK-12), 4 valid from July 21, 2022, through June 30, 2023. During all relevant times, 5 Danese was employed by Portland Public Schools (PPS). 6 7 2. On October 7, 2022, the Commission received a report from PPS indicating 8 Danese may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. 9 Specifically, PPS alleged Danese inappropriately communicated with female 10 students about non-school related matters, outside of school hours, which made 11 the students uncomfortable. 12 13 3. Investigation found that during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, Danese 14 waw employed as a teacher at Ida B. Wells High School, PPS. From 2021 to 2022, 15 Danese engaged in direct conversations and social media messaging with female 16 students about the students' personal lives and other non-school related topics. 17 Some of the social media interactions occurred after school hours in the evening 18 or over the weekend. 19 20 a) During the 2021-22 school year, Danese engaged a female student in 21 conversations which included non-school related topics, the student's 22 relationships, and inquired into the student's social life. Danese had 23 helped coach the student's high school basketball team. On June 1, 2022, 24 Danese messaged the student via social media by identifying himself. 25 After the student graduated from high school, on June 26, August 14, and 26 August 28, 2021, Danese messaged the student and invited her to play 27 basketball with him and others at a regular organized co-ed pickup 28 basketball game with former competitive basketball players. In the 29 messages sent on June 26, 2022, Danese also inquired about the student's 30 employment and possibly stopping by her place of work. 31 32 b) On June 7, 2022, Danese sent a private message via social media to a 33 female foreign exchange student shortly after her graduation and gave the

student his personal cell phone number. Danese had coached the student

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1 in football and instructed the student in weightlifting. The student had 2 discussed with Danese an interest in pursuing a career in personal 3 training, as Danese also ran his own personal training business. On June 14, 2022, Danese engaged in a message conversation with the student 4 about non-school activities such as weightlifting and gyms. Danese then 5 asked the student if she wanted to work out with him the following day at 6 7 a named gym that they both belonged to. 8 9 IT IS SO STIPULATED: 10 11 12 03 / 12 / 2024 13 Gregory C. Danese Date 14 15 16 17 3/13/24 18 Cristina Edgar, Director of Professional Practices 19 20 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 21 22 CONCLUSION OF LAW 23 The conduct described in Section three (3) above constitutes gross neglect of duty 24 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district 25 lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), and OAR 584-020-030(2)(b) (Skill in 26 communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents and other patrons); and 27 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not 28 29 demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's 30 personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult 31 boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times). 32 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon 33 ORS 342.175. 34 ORDER 35 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and 36 37 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Gregory C. 38 Danese's Oregon educator license.

1		Furthermore, the Commission imposes a three (3) year period of probation upon	
2	Danese's Oregon educator license to commence from the issuance of an Oregon teaching		
3	license, and subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:		
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5	1.	Danese shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance	
6		of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division	
7		020.	
8	2.	Danese shall successfully complete Commission approved training courses on	
9		teacher/student boundaries and classroom management within the first six (6)	
10		months of probation and provide evidence to the Commission of such training.	
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12		Issued and dated this 15th day of April, 2024.	
13		TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION	
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