1 2 3		BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON			
5 6 7	Edu	he Matter of the icator License of: ANNA M. REHWALD)	DEFAULT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND	
8	On February 14, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)				
9	issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Joanna M. Rehwald (Rehwald) in which the				
0	Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent				
1	via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 0844 8693 10 to the				
2	address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record				
3	for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail was not returned to the				
4	Commission. The regular First Class mail was not returned to the Commission, and both are				
5	assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 14, 2024, and signed				
6	by Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director, stated:				
7 8 9 20 21 22 23 24	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."				
25 26	Rehwald sent an email to the Commission indicating she did not want a hearing. The				
27	Commission, therefore, finds Rehwald to be in default and enters the following findings of fact,				
28	con	clusions of law, and final orde	er, based on the files ar	nd records of the Commission concerning	
29	this	matter.			
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31			FINDINGS OF F	ACT	
32	1.	Joanna M. Rehwald has been	licensed by the Comm	nission July 20, 2022. Rehwald currently	
33		holds a Preliminary Teaching	License, with an endo	rsement in Elementary – Multiple	
34		Subjects (PK-12), valid from	July 20, 2022, May 8,	2026. During all relevant times, Rehwald	
35		was employed by the Rockwo	ood Preparatory Acade	my (RPA).	
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37	2.	On October 12, 2022, the Cor	nmission received a re	port of misconduct alleging Rehwald was	
38		paid to participate in a training	ng conference in July 2	2022. In the period of late August to early	
39		September 2022, Rehwald fa	iled to communicate w	ith the school staff and administrators	

regarding issues she was having in her classroom. On a non-workday, Rehwald submitted 1 2 her resignation, effective immediately, and did not return to work. 3 4 3. Investigation found that that while working part-time assisting students at RPA in the late spring and early summer of 2022, Rehwald was offered a contract to teach elementary level 5 students full time for the upcoming school year (2022-23). Language in the contract 6 included providing the employer two-week's notice prior to terminating employment with 7 the school. Rehwald signed the contract on June 24, 2022. Rehwald participated in various 8 9 school required trainings beginning in early July 2022 and through the start of the 2022-23 school year. 10 11 12 4. Investigation found that in early September 2022, Rehwald had personal concerns about the 13 curriculum not fitting her "style", the behavior of the students, and being unable to support some of the students effectively. Rehwald failed to communicate any of these concerns to 14 15 staff and administrators during their drop-in visits to her classroom or at any other time. On 16 Sunday, September 11, 2022, Rehwald emailed her resignation, effective immediately. 17 Rehwald's departure created an immediate hardship on staff, students, and the school 18 community. 19 20 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 21 Joanna M. Rehwald's conduct described in section four (4) above constitutes gross 22 neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates 23 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it 24 incorporates OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (Skill in communicating with administrators, students, 25 staff, parents, and other persons) and OAR 584-020-0035(2)(a) (Apply for, accept, offer, or 26 assign a position of responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications, and will 27 adhere to the conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment). 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 hereby imposes a Public Reprimand upon Joanna M. Rehwald's

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Oregon educator license.

1	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of March, 2024.			
2	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION			
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5	By:			
6	Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director			
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10	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS			
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12	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE			
13	OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF			
14	THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE			
15	OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.			