

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

In the Matter of the
Teaching License of
WILLIAM COONEY

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STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND

On or about February 20, 2009, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Grants Pass School District indicating that William Cooney used district computer systems to access sexually explicit materials.

Mr. Cooney fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation. After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Cooney and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

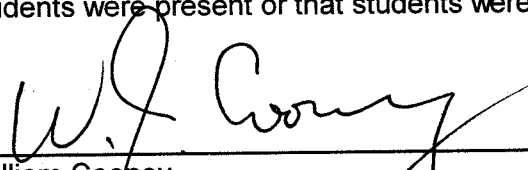
This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Mr. Cooney stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

By signing below, Mr. Cooney acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Mr. Cooney nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this stipulation and


Final Order and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into the Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Cooney since August 23, 1990. Mr. Cooney holds a Five-Year Career and Technical Education Teaching License valid October 21, 2008 through October 20, 2013 with an Endorsement in Manufacturing Technology.
2. In February 2009, the Grants Pass School District determined that Mr. Cooney had used a district owned computer in his classroom to access sexually explicit web sites.
3. There is no evidence that the computer was used for such purposes while students were present or that students were exposed to this material.



William Cooney



Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

7-15-2009
Date

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Date

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

William Cooney violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q) by using school computer equipment to access sexually explicit materials. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission has authority to impose discipline in this matter under ORS 342.120 through 342.430 and OAR Chapter 584.

ORDER

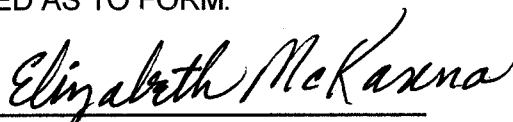
The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and imposes a Public Reprimand on William Cooney. This Stipulation of Facts and Order of Reprimand constitute the Reprimand.

Issued and dated this 10th day of August, 2009.

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

By 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Elizabeth McKanna
Attorney for William Cooney