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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Teaching License of) FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION
ANGELA REGINA CANTWELL) AND PROBATION

On or about September 27, 2010 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission), during a routine background check related to ending a previous probationary period for Angela Regina Cantwell (Cantwell), discovered arrests and criminal convictions not reported to the Commission.

After review of the matters alleged, Cantwell and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a one year Suspension and four year Probation.

By signing below, Cantwell acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her 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 Suspension and Probation (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 Cantwell nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she 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) 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.

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STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission has licensed Cantwell since April 11, 1986. Cantwell's current Basic Teaching License, with an endorsement in Basic Elementary Education, issued on September 8, 2008, is valid until September 27, 2011. Cantwell was employed by the Centennial School District from 1990- 2005. During the 2006-2007 school year Cantwell held a temporary position with the Lake Oswego School District. Following that position Cantwell substitute taught during the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 school years in various districts, including North Clackamas. Cantwell was hired into a temporary position for the 2010-11 school year at North Clackamas to fill in for an educator on leave.
2. On August 9, 2005 the Commission adopted a stipulated agreement, imposing a Public Reprimand and four years probation upon Cantwell's Basic Teaching License. The basis for the Commission's action was:
 - a. On November 8, 2003 Cantwell was arrested in Clackamas County Oregon for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII), Reckless Endangering, and Criminal Mischief. On February 6, 2004, Cantwell pled guilty to DUII and Reckless Endangering. The Clackamas County Circuit Court granted Ms. Cantwell Diversion for DUII and dismissed the Criminal Mischief charge. On March 28, 2004, the Court extended Ms. Cantwell's Diversion to September 28, 2005.
 - b. On November 22, 2004, prior to a Parent-Teacher conference, Ms. Cantwell consumed vodka in her vehicle while it was parked on school property.
 - c. On January 14, 2005, Ms, Cantwell was arrested for Driving Under the Influence in Cowlitz County Washington.
 - d. On February 3, 2005, Ms. Cantwell voluntarily entered Serenity Lane for in-patient alcohol treatment. Prior to February 3, 2005, the Centennial School District granted Ms. Cantwell's request for medical leave for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year. On May 5, 2005, Ms. Cantwell entered into a Last Chance Agreement with the Centennial School District placing her on probation and requiring her to successfully complete treatment.
3. As part of the 2005 agreement, Cantwell agreed to submit to the Executive Director of the Commission reports of her compliance with the aftercare

1 treatment plan. Ms. Cantwell agreed to provide these reports every six months
2 during her probation, on or before: February 5, 2006; August 5, 2006; February
3 5, 2007; August 5, 2007; February 5, 2008; August 5, 2008; February 5, 2009;
4 and August 5, 2009.

5 4. Furthermore, Ms, Cantwell agreed to report in writing within ten days to the
6 Executive Director of the Commission any arrest or citation for any felony,
7 misdemeanor, major traffic violation or violation of criminal probation, and that
8 she would comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of
9 Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division
10 020.

11 5. On October 3, 2008, Cantwell was arrested for DUII, and convicted of this DUII
12 on April 28, 2009.

13 6. In 2008 Cantwell was arrested, and later convicted, for misdemeanor Burglary II.
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15 7. Cantwell's burglary arrest arose out of a domestic dispute wherein she entered
16 the unlocked home of her former spouse to deliver items for her daughter.

17 8. Cantwell did not report either arrest or conviction to the Executive Director of the
18 Commission within 10 days as required by her 2005 probation. Cantwell
19 voluntarily re-entered Awakenings by the Sea for in-patient alcohol treatment on
20 April 29, 2009. Although Cantwell recalls writing a letter to the Commission on
21 May 1, 2009 informing the Commission of her relapse, treatment, the DUII arrest
22 and conviction, and the burglary arrest and recalls placing the letter in the
23 outgoing mail basket at the treatment facility, the Commission did not receive the
24 letter. The treatment facility acknowledges that it has had problems with
25 outgoing mail.

26 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

27 Angela R. Cantwell 7/15/11
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30 Angela Regina Cantwell Date
31 Victoria Chamberlain 7-22-11
32 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director Date
33 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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1 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

2 Angela Regina Cantwell was arrested and convicted of burglary. Cantwell was also
3 arrested and convicted for DUII. This conduct constitutes gross unfitness in violation of
4 OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A*
5 *conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of*
6 *guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means*), OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission
7 of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).

8 Cantwell did not report either of her arrests or convictions to the Commission as
9 required by April 5, 2005 agreement. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in
10 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-
11 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(k) (*Knowing*
12 *violation of any order or rule of the Commission*).

13 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
14 342.175.

15 **ORDER**

16 Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- 17 1. Angela Regina Cantwell's Basic Teaching License is hereby suspended for a
18 period of one year;
- 19 2. Cantwell is hereby placed on probation for a period of 4 years from the date this
20 order is signed by the Commission subject to the following conditions:
- 21 a. Ms. Cantwell will report in writing within ten days, to the Executive
22 Director of the Commission, any arrest or citation for any felony,
23 misdemeanor, or major traffic violation, and
- 24 b. Ms. Cantwell shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical
25 Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules
26 Chapter 584, Division 020.

1 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis
2 for the Commission to revoke Ms. Cantwell's teaching license, revoke her right to
3 apply for a license, or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing Ms. Cantwell
4 with notice and opportunity for hearing.

5 Issued and dated this 22nd day of July, 2011.

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

8 By *Victoria Chamberlain*
9 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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