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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
TRENTON KROPF) SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO APPLY
) FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

On November 17, 2008, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
(Commission) received a report indicating that Trenton Kropf may have engaged in conduct
constituting gross neglect of duty.

The Commission charged Mr. Kropf with gross neglect of duty and issued a Notice of
Opportunity for Hearing on March 24, 2009. After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Kropf 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 of the right
to apply for license renewal.

By signing below, Mr. Kropf acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
following: (i) he fully and finally waives all rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings
of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and any rights to appeal or otherwise
challenge this Stipulation of Facts, Order of Suspension (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. Kropf 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

1 prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated
2 Final Order below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Kropf since August 31, 2006. Mr. Kropf most recently
5 held an Initial I Teaching License, with an endorsement in Advanced Mathematics and
6 Multiple Subjects, issued August 24, 2007 and valid through August 31, 2009. At this
7 time, Mr. Kropf has not submitted an application to renew his license.
- 8 2. Mr. Kropf, was employed as a teacher at Madras High School from September 1, 2006
9 until June 15, 2007.
- 10 3. During the spring of 2007, Mr. Kropf had a conversation with a Madras High School male
11 student, CR, in which he asked CR questions about who he was dating. Subsequent to
12 this conversation Mr. Kropf posted an inappropriate message that contained words such
13 as, "Do you like to lick things" on KG's (CR's girlfriend) MySpace page.
- 14 4. On at least three occasions between January 1, 2007 and June 15, 2007, NS, a Madras
15 High School female student, spent time with Mr. Kropf inside his home. On or about
16 May 26, 2007, he helped NS fix a light on her pickup while it was parked in front of his
17 apartment. On at least two other occasions during June, 2007, NS's vehicle was parked
18 next to his apartment late at night.
- 19 5. Towards the end of the 2006-2007 school year, a Madras High School male student,
20 CR, told Mr. Kropf that KG had said to him that she wanted to sleep with Mr. Kropf on
21 her 18th birthday.

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1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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3 Trenton Owen Kropf
4 Trenton Owen Kropf

10/27/09
Date

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6 Victoria Chamberlain
7 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
8 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

11-3-09
Date

9 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

- 10 1. Mr. Kropf's conduct described in paragraphs 3 and 4 above constitutes gross neglect
- 11 of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates
- 12 OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in
- 13 conduct and conversations at all times).
- 14 2. Mr. Kropf's conduct described in paragraph 5 above constitutes gross neglect of duty
- 15 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
- 16 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C) (reporting to the educator's supervisor if the educator has
- 17 reason to believe a student may be becoming romantically attached to the educator).

18 The Commission has the authority to impose discipline in this matter under ORS
19 342.120 through 342.430 and OAR Chapter 584.

20 **ORDER**

21 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts and Conclusions of Law and
22 suspends Mr. Kropf's right to apply to renew his license for one year.

23 Issued and dated this 9th day of November, 2009.

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

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27 By Victoria Chamberlain
28 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

1 Approved as to form:

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3 Aruna Masih, OSB #973241

4 Attorney for Trenton Kropf