

1 **BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

3 In the Matter of the) **STIPULATION OF FACTS**
4 Teaching License of) **AND FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND**
5 PATTY W. CHESLA) **AND PROBATION**
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8 **On or about August 22, 2007, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission**
9 **(Commission) received a report indicating that Patty W. Chesla, teacher for Oregon Trail School**
10 **District, may have engaged in conduct constituting gross neglect of duty.**

11 **After review of the matters alleged, Ms. Chesla and the Commission agree that their**
12 **respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain**
13 **facts, the imposition of a public reprimand, and probation.**

14 **By signing below, Ms. Chesla acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the**
15 **following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest the**
16 **findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all**
17 **such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Order**
18 **of Reprimand and Probation (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is**
19 **a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this**
20 **Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the**
21 **Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order,**
22 **then neither Ms. Chesla nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully**
23 **read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without**
24 **any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and**
25 **entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promises or representation has**
26 **been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted**
27 **with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with**
28 **regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to**

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

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Ms. Chesla since April 2005. Chesla currently holds a
5 Substitute Teaching License. This license was issued September 27, 2009 and is valid
6 through September 26, 2011.
- 7 2. During the 2006-2007 school year, while working for the Oregon Trail School District,
8 Ms. Chesla resided with her husband, Kevin Chesla. At their residential property, her
9 husband grew and used marijuana with her knowledge. During this time they had a
10 daughter who was 18 months old living with them. On or about December 3, 2007, her
11 husband was convicted of Manufacture of Marijuana, ORS 475.856, a Class A Felony.
- 12 3. Ms. Chesla allowed her young daughter to live in a place where drugs were
13 manufactured or used.

14 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

15 Patty Chesla
16 Patty W. Chesla
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10/22/09
Date

18 Victoria Chamberlain
19 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
20 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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Date

22 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

23 Ms. Chesla's knowing acquiescence of criminal activity while parent to a young child, as
24 described in paragraph 2 above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
25 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) (*Substantial deviation from professional standards of*
26 *ethics*) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by*
27 *respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*).

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1 Ms. Chesla allowing her young daughter to live in a place where drugs were
2 manufactured or used, as described in paragraph 3 above, constitutes gross unfitness in
3 violation of ORS 342.175 (1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts*
4 *constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*) specifically ORS
5 163.575(1)(b), Endangering the Welfare of a Minor (*Permits a person under eighteen years of*
6 *age to enter or remain in a place where unlawful activity involving controlled substances is*
7 *maintained or conducted*).

8 **ORDER**

9 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
10 conclusions of law and, based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Patty W. Chesla.

- 11 1. This Order shall serve as the Public Reprimand.
- 12 2. Furthermore, the Commission places Ms. Chesla on Probation for a period of three
13 (3) years probation subject to the following terms and conditions:
- 14 a. Ms. Chesla shall report in writing within ten days to the Executive Director of the
15 Commission any arrest or citation for any felony, misdemeanor, major traffic
16 violation or violation of criminal probation; and
- 17 b. Ms. Chesla shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical
18 Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter
19 584, Division 020.

20 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for
21 the Commission to revoke Ms. Chesla's teaching license or otherwise impose discipline, after
22 first providing Ms. Chesla with notice and opportunity for hearing.

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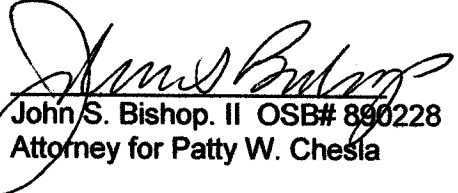
Issued and dated this 9th day of November, 2009.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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Approved as to form:


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