

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the)
4 Educator License of)
5)
6 AUDREY WRIGHT)
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8 On February 21, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
9 (Commission) received a report from the McMinnville School District that Audrey
10 Wright may have engaged in acts constituting gross neglect of duty.

11 After review of the matters alleged, Wright and the Commission agree that their
12 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to
13 certain facts, and the imposition of a public reprimand. This stipulation fully resolves
14 the allegations of the Commission’s Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on June
15 23, 2014 and the final order issued on December 14, 2016.

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

1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

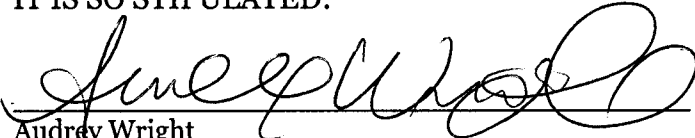
- 2 1. Ms. Wright has been licensed by the Commission since June 14, 2007. She
3 currently holds an Initial II Teaching License issued April 11, 2011, with
4 endorsements in Advanced Math (HS, ML), Biology (HS, ML), Integrated Science
5 (HS, ML), Social Studies (HS, ML), and Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL), which
6 expires on April 10, 2014. Wright made timely application for renewal of her
7 Teaching license. She also held an Initial Administrator License, with an
8 endorsement in Administrator (ALL LVLS), which was issued on September 14,
9 2011, and expired on April 10, 2015. Wright did not make application for the
10 renewal of her Administrative License. During all relevant times, Ms. Wright was
11 employed by the McMinnville School District as a teacher and the Dean of
12 Students.
- 13 2. On February 21, 2013, the Commission received a report from the McMinnville
14 School District indicating Ms. Wright may have committed acts which constitute
15 gross neglect of duty. Subsequent investigation determined the following:
- 16 a. During the 2011-2012 school year, Ms. Wright was informed by the
17 mother of student ZH that Wright's husband, James Wright (a substitute
18 teacher in the district) had been communicating with her daughter online
19 using the alias of "Trashcannius Maximus" (TM) without identifying
20 himself as Mr. Wright; and that TM had asked ZH to meet TM in person
21 where TM would reveal his identity as Mr. Wright. ZH's parent informed
22 Ms. Wright that ZH was uncomfortable with the inappropriate
23 communications between ZH and Mr. Wright and wanted the
24 communications to stop.
- 25 b. Ms. Wright asked ZH and her mother what they wanted to do about the
26 situation. They informed her they did not want Mr. Wright to lose his job,
27 but ZH was not comfortable being around Mr. Wright anymore. Ms.
28 Wright told ZH on the days when she could not avoid using Mr. Wright,
29 she would have ZH attend another classroom. Ms. Wright did not report
30 Mr. Wright's conduct to the school administration, at the request of ZH's
31 mother.


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1 3. Shortly into the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, Ms. Wright began to
2 hear rumors from other students regarding the conduct of Mr. Wright and ZH as
3 reported to her the previous year. Ms. Wright spoke to ZH and asked ZH how she
4 should respond to them. ZH told Ms. Wright that ZH had told some other
5 students about the matter. ZH's mother sent Ms. Wright an email advising that
6 she regretted not initially reporting the incident to the school administration.
7 This email prompted Ms. Wright to self-report the situation to the school
8 administration.
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10 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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13 Audrey Wright Date 12/29/16
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18 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director Date 3/16/17
19 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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22 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

23 1. By engaging in the conduct in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, Ms. Wright engaged in
24 gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n)
25 as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-
26 020-0010(1)(*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for*
27 *each individual*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-
28 020-0035(1)(b)(*Refrain from exploiting relationships with any student for*
29 *personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*).

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ORDER

The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact, conclusions of law, and based thereon hereby imposes a public reprimand on Audrey Wright.

Issued and dated this 16th day of March, 2017.

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

By Monica Beane

Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director