



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

8 This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the  
9 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Digrande nor the  
10 Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Mr. Digrande retains all rights to a hearing on  
11 the allegations.

#### 12 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

13 1. On July 30, 2007, the Commission issued a one-year Emergency School Counselor  
14 License with a School Counselor endorsement valid for service in grades 5 to 10 of a middle or  
15 junior high school and grades 7 through 12 in a high school, to Mr. Digrande. The emergency  
16 license expired on July 30, 2008.

17 2. On or about March 27, 2008, the Jefferson County School District notified the  
18 Commission that Mr. Digrande may have used school district supplies and equipment to send  
19 unwanted personal correspondence to a teacher in Washington.

20 3. Mr. Digrande sent confidential student counseling data to the principal of Onalaska  
21 High School in an effort to emphasize that it was important for Mr. Digrande to continue to travel  
22 from Canada to Alaska to counsel students after visiting a Washington teacher he had known in  
23 high school at the school she worked at.

24 4. Mr. Digrande resigned from the Jefferson School District on March 5, 2008 while a  
25 review of alleged misconduct was being performed by the District.

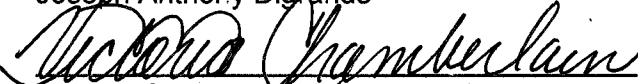
1 5. Between the years of 1969 and 2008, Digrande intermittently attempted to have,  
2 personal, written and telephonic contact with the Washington teacher he had known in high  
3 school. These repeated contacts and attempted contacts, while not threatening, were  
4 sufficiently persistent and unwanted to this woman, that she does not want her current location  
5 to be known by Digrande.

6 6. On March 13, 2008 TSPC, eight days after his resignation from Jefferson School  
7 District received an application for an Initial Teaching License signed and dated by Mr. Digrande  
8 on March 13, 2008. Mr. Digrande answered "no" to the character question asking whether he  
9 left school-related employment while under investigation for alleged misconduct.

10 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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Joseph Anthony Digrande

10-9-09  
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Date

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15 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

10-22-09  
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Date

16 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

17 Joseph Anthony Digrande used school district equipment for personal purposes. This  
18 conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(a). Mr.  
19 Digrande disclosed confidential student data. This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in  
20 violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(h). Mr. Digrande misrepresented the nature of his separation  
21 of employment from the Jefferson County School District on his application for educator license.  
22 This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c). Mr.  
23 Digrande's overall conduct toward the Washington educator constitutes Gross Unfitness in  
24 violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this  
25 matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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**ORDER**

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The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, and denies Mr. Joseph Anthony

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Digrande's Application for Licensure and Revokes his Right to Apply for a License for one year.


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IT IS SO ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of ~~August~~ <sup>November</sup>, 2009.

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TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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By:   
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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