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

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
4 Teaching License of) AND
5 Charles Walter Kuwahara) ORDER OF REPRIMAND
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7 On or about October 7, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
8 (Commission) received a report from Thomas Crane, Superintendent, Pine-Eagle School
9 District, indicating that Charles Walter Kuwahara (Kuwahara) appeared at the Pine Eagle High
10 School Graduation, a district sponsored event, under the influence of alcohol.

11 TSPC was not able to interview Mr. Kuwahara concerning these events. After review of
12 the matters alleged, Mr. Kuwahara and the Commission agree that their respective interests,
13 together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the
14 imposition of a Public Reprimand.

15 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to
16 be imposed. Mr. Kuwahara stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the
17 Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth
18 below. In entering into this stipulation, Mr. Kuwahara waives the right to a hearing to contest
19 the finding of fact, conclusion of law and order set forth below.

20 This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
21 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Kuwahara nor the
22 Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Mr. Kuwahara retains all rights to a hearing on
23 the allegations.

24 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 25 1. Mr. Kuwahara holds a Standard Teaching License valid until January 2, 2008. There
26 are no previous complaints on file with the Commission.
- 27 2. Mr. Kuwahara is employed by Pine-Eagle High School as a teacher.

1 3. On June 4, 2005, Mr. Kuwahara attended the Pine-Eagle High Scholl graduation, a
2 District sponsored event as a parent. While attending this District sponsored event Mr.
3 Kuwahara appeared visibly intoxicated.

4 4. Mr. Kuwahara failed to make himself available for an interview with TSPC.

5 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

6 Charles Walter Kuwahara
7 Charles Walter Kuwahara
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4/27/07
Date

9 Victoria Chamberlain
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
11 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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5-7-07
Date

13 **ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT**

14 Charles Walter Kuwahara attended the 2005 Pine-Eagle High School Graduation under
15 the influence of alcohol.

16 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

17 Mr. Kuwahara violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g) by attending a District sponsored
18 activity while under the influence of alcohol at the Pine-Eagle High School graduation in June of
19 2005. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission's authority to
20 impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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ORDER

The Commission imposes a Public Reprimand on Mr. Kuwahara. This Stipulation of

Facts and Order of Reprimand constitute the reprimand.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21 day of ^{May}~~April~~ 2007.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: *Victoria Chamberlain*
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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