

1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 2 1. Mr. Grace has been licensed by the Commission since July 1, 1972. He currently
3 holds a Standard Teaching License, with an endorsement in Standard
4 Elementary, issued on April 5, 2010 and valid through April 4, 2015. During all
5 relevant times Grace were employed by the Linn Benton Lincoln Education
6 Service District (LBLESD) as a teacher at the Oak Creek Youth Correctional
7 Facility (OCYCF).
- 8 2. Beginning around January 2010, Mr. Grace was subject to investigation by the
9 LBLESD and TSPC regarding potential boundary violations with students at the
10 correctional institution. After the investigation the LBLESD issued Mr. Grace a
11 letter of reprimand and a letter of direction. Mr. Grace was also provided with
12 training involving professional boundaries, supervision, bullying and
13 intimidation for his work in the Three Lakes High School (a correctional
14 institution).
- 15 3. On or about April 2011, the LBLESD, OYA and the OSP conduct an additional
16 investigation into a student complaint. The investigations disclosed that the
17 allegation was not founded, but uncovered that Mr. Grace had not followed prior
18 instruction on the use of touch and supervision at the Three Lakes High School.
- 19 4. Video footage of his classroom disclosed evidence that Mr. Grace did not actively
20 supervise a supply cart as instructed by prior training, touched students on the
21 back or shoulder area, and that a student hugged Mr. Grace, but that Mr. Grace
22 did not report the touching.
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24 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

- 1. By engaging in the conduct in paragraph 4 above, Mr. Grace committed gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*)

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 Michael Grace.

Issued and dated this 3 day of February 2014.

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

By 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director