

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
5 BRENT PAUL FODGE) ORDER OF REPRIMAND

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7 On March 17, 2003, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
8 (Commission) received a report from Maryalice Russell, Superintendent, McMinnville
9 School District indicating that the District conducted an investigation of Brent Paul
10 Fodge (Fodge) for violation of Standards of Competent and Ethical Performance of
11 Oregon Educators.

12 Mr. Fodge fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation. After review of
13 the matters alleged, Mr. Fodge and the Commission agree that their respective
14 interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
15 facts and an imposition of a Public Reprimand.

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

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

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2 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

3 1. The Commission has licensed Brent Paul Fodge since June 27, 1997. Mr.
4 Fodge currently holds a Standard Teaching License issued December 11, 2000, valid
5 until December 14, 2005.

6 2. Mr. Fodge is assigned as a computer technology teacher at Duniway Middle
7 School, McMinnville School District. Mr. Fodge began his employment with the District
8 in 1997.

9 3. Mr. Fodge shared details of his divorce with students.

10 4. Mr. Fodge repeatedly transported students in his personal vehicle in violation
11 of district policy.

12 5. Mr. Fodge demonstrated an inappropriate interest in a student's personal life.

13 6. Mr. Fodge admits that his failure to maintain appropriate professional student-
14 teacher relationships was inappropriate and accepts responsibility for his behavior.

15 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

16 Brent Paul Fodge
Brent Paul Fodge

4/25/04
Date

17 Victoria Chamberlain
18 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
19 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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4-05-04
Date

21 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

22 While serving as a teacher for Dunaway Middle School, Brent Paul Fodge failed
23 to maintain appropriate professional student-teacher relationship in violation of OAR
24 584-020-0035(1)(c) This behavior constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The
25 Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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2 **ORDER**

3 The Commission hereby adopts the above findings of fact and imposes a Public
4 Reprimand upon the Licensure of Brent Paul Fodge. This Order shall serve as the
5 Public Reprimand.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of May, 2004.

7 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

8 By 
9 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM

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