



1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

2 1. Mr. Larson holds an Oregon Basic Teaching License issued March 20, 2001, valid  
3 until March 4, 2004, with a Basic Art Endorsement.

4 2. Mr. Larson is employed by Hermiston School District as an art teacher at Sandstone  
5 Middle School. He began his employment with the District in 1995.

6 3. On June 6, 2001, a student complained that Mr. Larson pushed him down the hall.  
7 Mr. Larson's supervisor cautioned Mr. Larson about physical contact with students.

8 4. A parent complained that on May 11, 2002, Mr. Larson grabbed a student, her son,  
9 between the shoulder and the neck and applied pressure. The student complained of pain in  
10 the area of Mr. Larson's physical contact with him.

11 5. On April 11, 2003, Mr. Larson became angry about a student's behavior on the  
12 playground and intentionally threw a basketball at a student striking the student in the back.

13 6. Mr. Larson accepts responsibility for his behavior and acknowledges his behavior  
14 was inappropriate.

15 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

16 Based on facts set forth above it appears that Mr. Larson's behavior on  
17 April 11, 2003, is part of a continuing pattern of behavior. David John Larson used  
18 unreasonable physical force on April 11, 2003, when he intentionally struck a student in the  
19 back with a basketball. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR  
20 584-020-0040(4)(d). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based  
21 upon ORS 342.175.

22 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

23 David John Larson  
24 David John Larson

9/17/03  
Date

25 Victoria Chamberlain  
26 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
27 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

9-08-03  
Date

1 **ORDER**

2 The Commission imposes a Public Reprimand on David John Larson. This Stipulation  
3 of Facts, Order and Probation constitutes the Reprimand.

4 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a two (2) year probation upon Mr. Larson subject  
5 to the following terms and conditions:

6 1. Mr. Larson shall submit, within the first six months of said probation, documentation  
7 that he has completed (at his own expense), an intensive anger management program  
8 regarding appropriate contact with students conducted by a qualified counselor approved in  
9 advance by the Commission. This counseling shall consist of, at least nine (9) contact hours.  
10 The Commission shall provide the counselor with a copy of this Order. The counselor shall  
11 provide the Commission with a report of successful program completion. Mr. Larson shall  
12 present evidence of completion of this anger management program by April 15, 2004.

13 2. Mr. Larson shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance  
14 under Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 584, Division 020.

15 Violation of any term or condition of this probation may constitute an independent basis  
16 for the Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Mr. Larson's teaching  
17 license subject Mr. Larson's right to a hearing on the issue of whether he violated probation.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2003.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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21 By Victoria Chamberlain  
22 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

23 Approved as to form:

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