



1           2. Ms. Woldeit was employed as a Substitute Teacher for the Greater Albany  
2 School District beginning April 11, 1999.

3           3. On or about October 22, 1999, Ms. Woldeit was excluded from Substitute  
4 Teaching at North Albany Middle School for teaching Christian principles in the  
5 classroom.

6           4. On or about February 5, 2002, Ms. Woldeit was asked not to use school  
7 equipment to copy religious material at Calapooia Middle School.

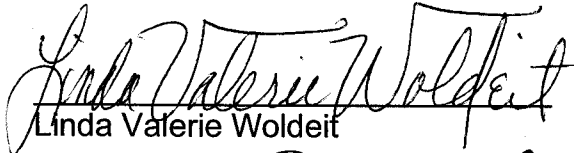
8           5. On or about March 22, 2002, during a substitute assignment at Memorial  
9 Middle School, Ms. Woldeit gave a student, EG (who suffers from Alopecia), a note  
10 indicating that the Lord Jesus Christ has a healing for her, that hair would grow back  
11 supernaturally. Ms. Woldeit told EG that God would perform this miracle and pledge to  
12 shave her own head if EG's hair was not restored by the end of spring break. On April 1,  
13 2002, Ms. Woldeit contacted EG at school and gave her a bag full of hair accessories,  
14 later in the day, Ms. Woldeit spoke with EG in the parking lot with a shaved head and  
15 told EG that she should keep her faith.

16           6. Ms. Woldeit accepts responsibility for exploiting her professional relationship  
17 with EG to promote her own religious issues and acknowledges her behavior was  
18 inappropriate based upon the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of  
19 Oregon Educators.


20           Linda Valerie Woldeit enters into this Stipulation of Facts with the knowledge that  
21 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission will suspend her Oregon Teacher's  
22 License for a period of six (6) months and upon reinstatement of the license shall place  
23 her on probation for a period of four (4) years. This Stipulation is contingent upon

1 approval and adoption of the Order by the full Commission. If the Commission does not  
2 adopt this Order, neither Ms. Woldeit nor the Commission are bound by these  
3 stipulations and Ms. Woldeit retains the right to a hearing on the allegations.

4 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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6 Linda Valerie Woldeit

7 7-24-02  
Date

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10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
11 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
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16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 Linda Valerie Woldeit violated OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) by exploiting her  
18 professional relationship with a student in support of a personal issue at Memorial  
19 Middle School. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission's  
20 authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175(1)(b).

21 **ORDER**

22 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts and suspends the  
23 Oregon Teaching License of Linda Valerie Woldeit for a period of six (6) months  
24 effective August 2, 2002. At the end of this suspension period, Ms. Woldeit's Teaching  
25 License shall be reinstated providing she meets the following conditions:

26 1. Submission of complete application as per OAR 584-050-0015(3) together  
27 with required supporting documentation and fees;

28 2. Submission of documentation that she has completed (at her own expense),  
an intensive education program regarding appropriate boundaries with students

1 conducted by a qualified trainer or counselor approved in advance by the Commission.  
2 This intensive training shall consist of, at least, five (5) one and one-half (1 ½) hour  
3 sessions. Ms. Woldeit shall provide the trainer with a copy of this Order. The program  
4 trainer shall provide the Commission with a report of successful program completion.

5 Upon reinstatement of her teaching license, Ms. Woldeit shall be placed on  
6 probation for a period of four (4) years and subject to the condition that she comply with  
7 all Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance under Chapter OAR 584, Division  
8 020.

9 Violation of the terms of this probation may constitute an independent basis for  
10 the Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Ms. Woldeit's  
11 teaching license subject to Ms. Woldeit's right to a hearing on the issue of whether she  
12 violated probation.

13 Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2002.

14 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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16 By *Victoria Chamberlain*  
17 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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