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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
Teaching License of) AND FINAL ORDER OF
JEFFREY SCOTT MILLER) REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

On April 13, 2010, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received report from Portland Public Schools indicating that Mr. Miller may have engaged in gross neglect of duty.

After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Miller and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a public reprimand along with a two-year period of probation.

This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Mr. Miller stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

By signing below, Mr. Miller acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand and Probation(Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Mr. Miller nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior

1 to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order
2 below. This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be
3 imposed. Mr. Miller stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and
4 records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this
5 stipulation, Mr. Miller waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law
6 and order set forth below.

7 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

8 1. Mr. Miller has been licensed as a teacher since June 30, 1983. Mr. Miller currently holds a
9 Standard Teaching License issued May 6, 2010, with an endorsement in Standard Social Studies,
10 which expires on May 5, 2015. During all relevant times he was employed with the Portland Public
11 School District.

12 2. On May 21, 2001, Mr. Miller was reprimanded by Portland Public Schools for using
13 derogatory terms in class. On March 16, 2004, Mr. Miller was reprimanded by Portland Public
14 Schools for using threatening language toward two high school students. On June 4, 2010, Mr. Miller
15 was reprimanded for failing to present a balance of views in class and using inappropriate swear
16 words and inappropriate language in the classroom.

17 3. Between school years 00-01 to 03-04, Mr. Miller engaged in verbal altercations with
18 students and used inappropriate or demeaning language directed at students when referring to them.

19 4. During the 08-09 school year, Mr. Miller discussed the presidential election in a biased
20 manner. Between 08-09 and 11-12 school years, Mr. Miller used derogatory terms in class when
21 discussing U.S. History even though he was asked by a student not to do so.

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1 2. By engaging in the conduct in paragraph 5 above, Mr. Miller engaged in gross neglect of duty
2 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
3 0025(2)(a) (Establishing and maintaining classroom management that is conducive to
4 learning), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0015(2)(e) (*Skill*
5 *in the selection and use of teaching techniques conducive to student learning*).

6 **FINAL ORDER**

- 7 1. Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby imposes a Public Reprimand on Jeffrey Scott
8 Miller.
- 9 2. The Commission further places Mr. Miller on probation for a period of 2 years beginning the
10 date that this order is final. During the period of probation, Mr. Miller will follow the standards
11 set by TSPC and state law for Oregon.
- 12 3. During the term of his probation, Mr. Miller will enroll in and successfully complete a sensitivity
13 training course subject to Commission approval.
- 14 4. Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for the
15 Commission to revoke Mr. Miller's teaching license or otherwise impose discipline, after first
16 providing Mr. Miller with notice and opportunity for hearing.

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18 Issued and dated this 11th day of November, 2013.

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

21 By 
22 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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