

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

3       In the Matter of the                         )            STIPULATION OF FACTS AND  
4       Educator License of                       )            FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND  
5       BARBARA THOMAS LARSON                )            AND PROBATION  
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7            On or about February 4, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
8 (Commission) received a report from the Pendleton School District, alleging professional  
9 misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Barbara Thomas Larson (Larson).

10            After review of the matters alleged, Larson and the Commission agree that their  
11 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to  
12 certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand and two year Probation.

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

18            By signing below, Larson acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to  
19 the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to  
20 contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and  
21 finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this  
22 Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand and Probation (Stipulation and Final  
23 Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the  
24 public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is  
25 contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the  
26 Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither  
27 Larson nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this  
28 Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without  
29 any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance  
30 and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or  
31 representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and  
32 (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and  
33 has been fully advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to  
34 consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and  
35 issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

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**STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 1. The Commission has licensed Larson since August 14, 1995. Larson’s Standard Professional Service License, with an endorsement in Standard Counselor (050), was issued on April 27, 2011, and expires on April 26, 2016. During all relevant times, Larson was employed by the Pendleton School District.
- 2. On December 11, 2010, while in Kennewick Washington, Larson was with her 8<sup>th</sup> grade foster daughter and another 8<sup>th</sup> grade female student. Both children attended school in Larson’s school district. Larson got into a dispute regarding a parking space and knowingly scratched (keyed) a car in retaliation. When confronted by law enforcement officers, Larson intentionally denied about her involvement with the incident. When the two students were interviewed by police, they detailed Larson’s involvement in the incident. Larson was arrested for Malicious Mischief (WA 9A.48.070-09) a felony, and Obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer (WA 9A.76.020). Larson was later convicted of Malicious Mischief 2, a misdemeanor. After Larson was arrested, the two students were placed in the temporary protective custody of Washington Child Protective Services until they could be picked up by other parents.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

*Barbara Thomas Larson*

Barbara Thomas Larson

*01.28.2013*

Date

*Victoria Chamberlain*

Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

*2-5-12*

Date

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Larson modeled inappropriate behavior in front of students. This conduct constitutes 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(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*). This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342-175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local*

1 *law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the*  
2 *result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means).*

3 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon  
4 ORS 342.175.

5 **ORDER**

6 Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- 7 1. The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and  
8 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on  
9 Barbara Thomas Larson's Standard Personnel Service License;
- 10 2. Larson is hereby placed on probation for a period of two (2) years from the date  
11 this order is signed by the Commission subject to the following conditions:
- 12 a. Larson shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical  
13 Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules  
14 Chapter 584, Division 020.

15 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis  
16 for the Commission to revoke Larson's teaching license, revoke her right to apply for  
17 a license, or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing Larson with notice and  
18 opportunity for hearing.

19 Issued and dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

20 **TEACHIS STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

21 **STATE OF OREGON**

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By 

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Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director