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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
JEFFREY STRONG)
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STIPULATION OF FACTS
AND ORDER OF PROBATION

On August 25, 1999, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission informed Jeffrey Strong that the Commission found sufficient evidence of violation of Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators to warrant a hearing regarding Mr. Strong's May 22, 1999 arrest for DUII. Before a hearing date was set, the parties have agreed that their respective interest and the interests of the State are best served by a Stipulation of Facts and Order of Probation as set forth below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. Jeffrey Strong graduated from Linfield College on May 30, 1999 with a major in mathematics.
2. On September 3, 1996, Strong completed the State Department of Education Form for Criminal History Verification for fingerprinting and registration for student teaching and practica and answered "no" to the eleven character questions on that form. Thus, Strong was aware that any conviction for felony, misdemeanor or major traffic violation would be considered upon application for licensure. Strong's fingerprints cleared FBI on January 29, 1999.
3. On May 22, 1999, Strong was arrested for DUII.
4. On June 2, 1999, Strong pled "guilty" to the charge and was permitted to enter a diversion agreement to run for one year.
5. Strong reported this incident to faculty at Linfield College where he was enrolled in student teaching in math education.
6. Strong answered "yes" to character questions 8 and 10 on his application for licensure Form C-1, dated June 14, 1999. He provided a written explanation and court record.
7. On August 20, 1999, the Dalles School District requested issuance of the Basic License to Strong with expedited service, but the file was referred to the Executive Director because of the recent conviction, hence the application was held pending signatures on this Stipulation of Facts.
8. Mr. Strong was required by the court to attend an alcohol diagnostic assessment to determine the possible existence of an alcohol problem. Mr. Strong has completed this assessment.
9. Mr. Strong is also required to complete a program of treatment indicated as necessary by the diagnostic assessment. Mr. Strong has not begun this program but has indicated his commitment to begin this program in September 1999 and continue to completion.

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 2 Jeffrey Strong enters into this Stipulation of Facts with knowledge that the Teacher Standards
 3 and Practices Commission will place him on Probation for a period of eight months and 15 days
 4 from the date the Commission adopts the Order. During the probation, Strong will be required
 5 to complete an alcohol treatment program and to comply with Standards of Competent and
 6 Ethical Performance for Oregon Educators. . This Stipulation is contingent upon approval and
 7 adoption of the Order by the Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order,
 8 neither Mr. Strong nor the Commission are bound by these stipulations and Mr. Strong retains
 9 all rights to a hearing on the allegations.

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11 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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15 *Jeff Strong*
16 Jeffrey Strong

8-25-99
Date

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18 *David V. Myton*
19 David V. Myton, Executive Director
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22 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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24 ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

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26 Jeffrey Strong was arrested in May 1999 for DUII and was permitted to enter a diversion
27 agreement.

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29 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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31 Under ORS 342.175 and OAR 584, Division 020, educators are required to be law-abiding
32 citizens and exemplify good examples for students.

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34 ORDER

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36 The Commission confirms the issuance of a teaching license to Jeffrey Strong for employment
37 in The Dalles School District. Mr. Strong shall be placed on Probation from September 17, 1999
38 through June 2, 2000. During this period of probation Mr. Strong shall complete, at his
39 expense, an alcohol treatment program as required by the McMinnville Municipal Court and
40 shall conduct himself as a law-abiding citizen. On conclusion of the period of probation, Mr.
41 Strong will be required to provide documentation of compliance with the terms of probation.

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43 Dated this 17th day of September 1999.

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45 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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48 By *David V. Myton*
49 David V. Myton, Executive Director

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2 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
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5 I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me
6 as such by U. S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested to:
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8 Jeffrey Strong
9 818 Devon Court
10 Hood River, OR 97031
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12 Dated this 21st day of September, 1999.
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16 By Charlene A. Smith
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18 Charlene A. Smith
19 Executive Assistant to the Commission
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