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

In the Matter of the Teaching License
of:

RONALD JOSEPH PAHLE,

STIPULATION OF FACTS
AND ORDER OF PUBLIC
REPRIMAND

On or about April 20, 2000, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) notified Ronald Joseph Pahle that a report had been filed alleging that Mr. Pahle was arrested and charged with assault involving his wife, also a teacher in the district, and that on December 6, 1999, Mr. Pahle pled guilty to harassment and entered into a diversion agreement. The complaint was filed by Larry McMurray, superintendent of Salem-Keizer School District.

Mr. Pahle fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation. After a review of the matters alleged, Mr. Pahle and the Commission have agreed that their respective interests together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a public reprimand. This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Mr. Pahle waives his right to a hearing to contest the finding of facts, conclusion of law and order set forth below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. Pahle holds a Basic Teaching License valid until March 7, 2000 and his application for renewal of his teaching license is pending.
2. Pahle is employed as a teacher by Salem-Keizer School District and

1 has worked in that capacity since 1995.

2 3. On January 26, 2000 TSPC received a report that Pahle violated
3 standards for competent and ethical performance of Oregon educators.

4 4. On November 5, 1999, Pahle was arrested at Walker Middle School
5 and charged with Assault IV, a felony. The assault was off-campus and off-duty.

6 5. On December 6, 1999, Pahle entered a conditional guilty plea to ORS
7 166.065 Harassment, a misdemeanor, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for
8 Polk County as a criterion for entering the Diversion Program. The plea was not
9 entered as a judgment.

10 6. On December 6, 1999, Pahle entered into a Diversion Agreement
11 with the court, is monitored by the Polk County District Attorney's Office and is 180
12 days in length.

13 7. On June 23, 2000, Pahle successfully completed an Anger
14 Management program in Kurt Mosher's Choices Program in Dallas, Oregon, as
15 required by the Diversion Agreement.

16 8. Pahle completed the Diversion Program and the conditional plea of
17 guilty will be dismissed by the Polk County District Attorney's Office against him.

18 9. Pahle's role as a teacher nor his good teaching record was questioned
19 during this investigation.

20 10. Pahle has continued his employment with the Salem-Keizer School
21 District in a reassigned position.

22 Pahle enters into this Stipulation of Facts with the knowledge that TSPC
23 will adopt an Order requiring the issuance of a public reprimand. This Stipulation is
24 contingent upon the approval and adoption of the Order by the Commission. If the
25 Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Pahle nor the Commission are bound
26 by these stipulations and he retains all rights to a hearing on the allegations.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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3 Ronald J. Pahle Jr. June 26, 2000
Ronald Joseph Pahle Date

4 David V. Myton 6/26/00
5 David V. Myton, Executive Secretary Date
6 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8 The conduct described in paragraph four of the Findings of Fact constitutes
9 ground for discipline under ORS 342.175 (1)(a) and OAR 584-020-0040 (3)(a).

ORDER

11 The Commission issues a public reprimand against Pahle. The Findings of
12 Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order herein shall serve as the public reprimand.

13 DATED this 17th day of July, 2000.

14 By: David V. Myton
15 David V. Myton, Executive Director

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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