

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

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4 In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5 Educator License of) SURRENDER OF
6 DYLAN TODD SULLIVAN) LICENSURE AND REVOCATION
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9 On December 31, 2019, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Dylan Sullivan (Sullivan) in
11 which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and /or Gross Unfitness.
12 The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830
13 0001 6178 7039 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the
14 Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified
15 Mail receipt was returned to the Commission signed. The regular first class mail was not
16 returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of
17 Hearing, dated December 31, 2019, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director,
18 stated:

19 “IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY
20 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED
21 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR
22 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING,
23 WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR
24 AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT
25 APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF
26 DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF
27 YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”
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29 On January 2, 2020, Sullivan, through his attorney, requested a hearing. Later that
30 same date, Sullivan withdrew his request for a hearing advising that he wished to
31 default. The Commission, therefore, finds Sullivan to be in default and enters the
32 following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and
33 records of the Commission concerning this matter.
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35 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 36 1. Dylan Sullivan has been licensed by the Commission since August 28, 2013.
37 Sullivan’s Initial I Teaching License, with endorsements in Middle School Language
38 Arts (ML); Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL); and Social Studies (HS, ML), was valid

1 from August 28, 2013, through July 19, 2017. During all relevant times, Sullivan was
2 employed by the Lake County School District (LCSD).

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- 4 2. On June 1, 2017, the Commission opened an investigation based on news media
5 reports indicating Sullivan was the subject of a criminal investigation and may have
6 committed an act(s) of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. On February 14,
7 2018, the Commission received a patron complaint indicating Sullivan may have
8 violated teacher / student boundaries when law enforcement located a photo of the
9 patron's minor aged daughter on Sullivan's cell phone. Contact with LCSD confirmed
10 they were aware of the allegations and were conducting a local investigation as well
11 as local law enforcement.
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- 13 3. Investigation determined that on multiple occasions, Sullivan engaged in sexually
14 explicit activities with two minor aged students, HC and JD. Specifically, Sullivan
15 called and texted these students, engaging in phone sex, discussing sexual activities,
16 and requesting sexually explicit photographs from the students. In the course of the
17 investigation, authorities also discovered photographs of another minor aged
18 student, MH on Sullivan's cell phone, which resulted in the patron complaint
19 received by TSPC on February 14, 2018.

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21 As a result of the criminal investigation, Sullivan was charged with two counts of
22 Luring a Minor (class C Felonies), one count of Sex Abuse in the 3rd Degree (class A
23 Misdemeanor), one count of Online Sexual Corruption of a Child, 1st Degree (class B
24 Felony), and four counts of Attempt to Commit a Class A Felony, (class B Felony).
25 On January 15, 2019, by plea agreement, Sullivan was convicted of Coercion (class C
26 Felony) and Harassment (class A Misdemeanor). Sullivan's plea agreement included
27 that he surrender his Oregon Teacher's license for life. On January 9, 2019, the
28 Commission received a letter from Sullivan surrendering his teaching license.

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1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Dylan Sullivan’s conduct described in sections two (2), and three (3), above
3 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-
4 020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth*
5 *and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-
6 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district*
7 *lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill*
8 *in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other*
9 *patrons*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual conduct with a student*) as
10 defined by OAR 584-020-0005(5); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates
11 OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally*
12 *inappropriate interest in a student's personal life*); OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
13 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and*
14 *conversations at all times*); and OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity*
15 *of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal*
16 *integrity and honesty*).

17 Furthermore, Dylan Sullivan’s conduct described above constitutes gross
18 unfitness in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any*
19 *federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of*
20 *conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any*
21 *other means*), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts*
22 *constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).


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24 The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based
25 upon ORS 342.175.

26 **FINAL ORDER**

27 The Commission accepts Sullivan’s license surrender and hereby permanently
28 revokes Dylan T. Sullivan’s Educator license.

29 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 31st day of January, 2020.

1 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

2 By: 
3 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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5 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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7 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
8 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
9 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
10 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.