

1 2. On September 14, 2017, the Commission received information from the Riddle School
2 District reporting that during a financial audit, Lynn admitted she had done something
3 wrong. The district suspected Lynn committed fraud.

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5 3. Subsequent investigation determined the following:

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7 a. During a routine financial audit for school programs, an accounting firm
8 identified that Lynn made approximately \$60,000 in credit card purchases
9 for school items but was unable to provide proof the items were purchased.
10 On September 9, 2017, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) began an
11 investigation into allegations that Lynn provided false documents of
12 purchases for school programs, for which Lynn was personally reimbursed,
13 and then used this money for personal gain.
- 14 b. Investigation by law enforcement determined that between May 1, 2016, and
15 February 28, 2017, Lynn used a computer to access online retail sites to select
16 items, most of which appeared to be intended for school programs, and
17 placed the items into digital shopping carts. Lynn would then make a
18 printout of the shopping carts' contents and exit the site without completing a
19 financial transaction. Lynn would later submit the printouts to the district
20 and represent them as actual purchases for reimbursement. Law enforcement
21 estimated the district reimbursed Lynn approximately \$48,000 for these
22 fraudulent acts.
- 23 c. On June 18, 2019, Lynn plead guilty in Douglas County Circuit Court to nine
24 felony counts of theft in the first degree. On August 18, 2019, Lynn was
25 sentenced on each of the counts to seven days jail, to be served concurrently,
26 sixty months of supervised probation, counseling for gambling, and ordered
27 to pay restitution. On September 3, 2019, the Douglas County District
28 Attorney's Office amended the request for restitution to be \$82,840.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

30 Jennifer K. Lynn's criminal convictions and the conduct underlying Lynn's criminal
31 convictions as described in section three (3) above, constitute gross neglect of duty in
32 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
33 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0025(2)(d) (*Using district and school*

1 *business and financial procedures*); OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and*
2 *reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Falsification of any*
3 *document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or*
4 *professional duties*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a)
5 (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying*
6 *personal integrity and honesty*); and OAR 584-020-0040(3)(a) (*Has been convicted of a*
7 *crime not listed in section (1) of this rule, if the Commission finds that the nature of the act*
8 *or acts constituting the crime for which the educator was convicted render the educator*
9 *unfit to hold a license*). Lynn’s conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS
10 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(b) (*Fraud or misrepresentation*); OAR 584-020-
11 0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes*
12 *any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest*
13 *plea or any other means*); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts*
14 *constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).


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16 The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
17 342.175.

18 **FINAL ORDER**

19 The Commission hereby revokes Jennifer K. Lynn’s right to apply for an Oregon
20 educator license.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 29th day of January, 2020.

22 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

23 By: 
24 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

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26 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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