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

In the Matter of the ) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND  
Educator License of ) FINAL ORDER OF PUBLIC  
SCOTT E. NOPP ) REPRIMAND

On March 13, 2019, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Eugene School District (ESD) indicating licensed educator Scott E. Nopp (Nopp) may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness.

After review of the matters alleged, Nopp and the Commission agree 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. Nopp stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Nopp waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Nopp acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Nopp nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an

1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of  
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Nopp since February 1, 2000. Nopp currently  
5 holds a Substitute Teaching License, with an endorsement in Substitute Any  
6 Specialty (PK-12), valid from April 17, 2017, through February 23, 2021. During  
7 all relevant times, Nopp was employed by the Eugene School District (ESD) for  
8 substitute teaching services. During the reported incident, Nopp was providing  
9 substitute services to the ESD at James Madison Middle School (JMMS).  
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11 2. On March 13, 2019, the Commission received a report from the ESD indicating  
12 Nopp had engaged in conduct that may be considered gross neglect of duty  
13 and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the ESD reported Nopp engaged in  
14 inappropriate physical contact with a student.  
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16 3. Investigation determined that on or about February 11, 2019, Nopp interacted  
17 with a student who was talking and disrupting class. The student failed to  
18 respond to Nopp's direction and began to bully another student. During the  
19 interaction, Nopp grabbed the student by the arm / wrist while he discussed the  
20 student's behavior. The student was upset that Nopp was physically holding him  
21 and later reported this to the administration. The ESD investigation determined  
22 that Nopp had violated local policy. In Nopp's interview with the Commission  
23 investigator, Nopp suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, and in Nopp's interview with  
24 the Commission investigator, Nopp acknowledged that his condition may have  
25 affected his decision to hold onto the student. Nopp's intentions were not to make  
26 the student uncomfortable, and Nopp recognizes that touching students  
27 physically is not appropriate unless necessary to protect the student or others.  
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29 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

30 Scott Nopp  
31 Scott Nopp

2/7/2022  
Date

32 Trent Danowski  
33 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director  
34 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
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02/09/2022  
Date

36 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

1 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS  
2 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*  
3 *professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*),  
4 OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*),  
5 and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow*  
6 *employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).  
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8 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon  
9 ORS 342.175.

10 **ORDER**

11 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and  
12 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Scott Nopp's  
13 Oregon educator license.  
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16 Issued and dated this 1 day of April, <sup>2020</sup>~~2020~~.

17 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**  
18 **STATE OF OREGON**

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20 By  \_\_\_\_\_

21 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director