



1 was completed. During all relevant times, Kenneth was employed by the Portland  
2 Public School District (PPSD).

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- 4 2. On March 18, 2019, the Commission received a report from PPSD indicating  
5 Kenneth may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or  
6 gross unfitness. Specifically, that Kenneth disregarded district directives and  
7 continued to post students' work on a social media website, and that Kenneth angrily  
8 pushed a desk against two elementary school students.
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- 10 3. Investigation determined the district had documented a pattern of multiple incidents  
11 related to Kenneth's poor classroom management beginning in the spring of 2016.  
12 Kenneth was involved in incidents that included arguing with students, crumpling a  
13 student's test and throwing it on the floor, grabbing a student by the arm, spending  
14 an inordinate amount of time on his cell phone for non-school related purposes,  
15 failing to take attendance, failing to attend individualized education program (IEP)  
16 meetings and failing to complete IEP documentation. The district documented that  
17 in the fall of 2017, Kenneth posted students' worksheets, some of which included  
18 student identifying information, on his personal Facebook account. Kenneth  
19 admitted to district officials he posted the students' work and agreed to remove the  
20 material and make his account more private. It was learned that in March 2018, after  
21 being directed to remove students' material, Kenneth had posted different students'  
22 worksheets, which included student identifying information, on his personal  
23 Facebook account. Kenneth admitted to district officials he posted students' material  
24 after being directed not to.
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- 26 4. Investigation determined that on December 7, 2018, Kenneth was involved in an  
27 incident in which a student was misbehaving in class. Several students observed  
28 Kenneth becoming upset with a student, berating the student with a raised voice  
29 while following the student around the classroom and then eventually grabbing the  
30 student before assistance from the school's administration arrived. On March 14,  
31 2019, after an investigation and meetings involving Kenneth, district officials and the  
32 union, Kenneth submitted his resignation with the district.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Matthew P. Kenneth’s conduct as described above constitutes gross neglect of  
3 duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates  
4 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d)(Skill in  
5 the supervision of students); OAR 584-020-0025(2)(c) (*Using and maintaining student*  
6 *records as required by federal and state law and district policies and procedures*);  
7 OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*);  
8 and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow*  
9 *employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).

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

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14 **FINAL ORDER**

15 The Commission hereby suspends Matthew P. Kenneth’s Oregon educator license  
16 for one (1) year. Prior to reinstatement of Kenneth’s Oregon educator license, the  
17 Commission requires Kenneth to successfully complete a Commission approved training  
18 in the area of classroom management. Upon successful reinstatement of Kenneth’s  
19 Oregon educator license, Kenneth will be placed on probation for a period of three (3)  
20 years.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup>-day of September, 2020.

23 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

24 By: Anthony J. Rosilez  
25 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director  
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27 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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