1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 In the Matter of the STIPULATION OF FACTS AND 4 **Educator License of** FINAL ORDER OF PUBLIC 5 JOSH H. WHITE REPRIMAND & PROBATION 6 7 On April 17, 2019, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 8 (Commission) received a report from the La Grande School District indicating possible 9 professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Josh H. White (White). 10 After review of the matters alleged, White and the Commission agree that their 11 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to 12 certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand and Probation. 13 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the 14 sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, White waives the right to a 15 hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below. 16 By signing below, White acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the 17 following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the 18 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally 19 waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of 20 Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand and Probation (Stipulation and Final Order); 21 (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public 22 upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent 23 upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does 24 not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither White nor the 25 Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and 26 Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or 27 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of 28 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has 29 been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has 30 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully 31 advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an 32 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of

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the Stipulated Final Order below.

1 STIPULATION OF FACTS 2 1. The Commission has licensed White since August 12, 2008. White holds a 3 Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Social Studies (PK-12), 4 valid from November 16, 2017, through November 2, 2022. During all relevant 5 times, White was employed by the La Grande School District (LGSD) 6 2. On April 17, 2019, the Commission received a report from the LGSD indicating 7 you may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross 8 unfitness. Specifically, the report alleged White worked outside the scope of his 9 teaching license by counseling student about mental health issues when the 10 student was attending school. 11 3. Investigation determined that in early April 2019, White communicated with a 12 former student of La Grande High School who had graduated in May 2018. 13 During the LGSD's investigation regarding this, the district learned White had 14 discussions with the student during the 2017-2018 school year about the 15 student's mental health issue. White had previously held a Limited Conditional 16 Assignment License to fill the role of a school counselor with the Union High 17 School from October 28, 2008, through October 27, 2011. In White's interview 18 with the Commission, White acknowledged that during the 2017-2018 school 19 year, he spoke with the student about a mental health issue the student had and 20 how to cope. White failed to refer the student to either a school counselor or the 21 district's school based health center. 22 23 IT IS SO STIPULATED: 24 25 Josh H. White 26 27 28 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director 29 **Teacher Standards and Practices Commission** 30 31 **CONCLUSION OF LAW** 32 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 33 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use 34 professional judgment), and OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (Skill in the supervision of

students), OAR 584-020-0035(2)(a) (Apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position of

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1	responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications, and will adhere to the
2	conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment).
3	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
4	ORS 342.175.
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6	ORDER
7	The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
8	conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Josh H. White's
9	Oregon educator license.
10	Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of three (3) years' of probation
11	upon White's Oregon educator license to commence from the date this order is signed,
12	and subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:
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14	1. White shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance
15	of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division
16	020.
17	2. Within the first year of probation, White shall successfully complete a
18	Commission approved training course on referral pathways for students with
19	mental health issues.
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21	Issued and dated this 22 day of June 2021.
22	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
23	STATE OF OREGON
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25	By
26	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director