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

In the Matter of the ) STIPULATION OF FACTS  
Educator License of ) AND FINAL ORDER OF  
JOHN M. GUTHRIE ) PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On June 11, 2021, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Oregon Department of Human Services alleging that John M. Guthrie (Guthrie) may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, it was reported that Guthrie consumed alcohol with underage students, provided tobacco to students, and inappropriately communicated with students via social media.

After review of the matters alleged, Guthrie 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. Guthrie 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, Guthrie waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Guthrie 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 Guthrie 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

1 advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an  
2 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of  
3 the Stipulated Final Order below.

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**STIPULATION OF FACTS**

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1. The Commission has licensed Guthrie since May 3, 2018. Guthrie currently holds  
7 a Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Social Studies (PK-12),  
8 valid from September 19, 2021, through September 18, 2024. During all relevant  
9 times, Guthrie was employed by Central Catholic High School (CCHS) in  
10 Portland.

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2. On June 11, 2021, the Commission received information from the Oregon  
12 Department of Human Services indicating Guthrie may have committed acts of  
13 gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, it was alleged Guthrie  
14 consumed alcohol with underage students, provided tobacco to underage  
15 students, and communicated with students via social media.

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3. Investigation determined that following the CCHS graduation in June 2021,  
17 Guthrie attended several graduation parties attended by numerous students and  
18 CCHS staff. Prior to attending one of these parties, Guthrie purchased cigars as a  
19 gift for several graduates who were eighteen (18) years old. Guthrie was observed  
20 at a party presenting the cigars to these students. Guthrie incorrectly  
21 believed that the legal age for possession of tobacco products was eighteen (18)  
22 years old. Further investigation revealed Guthrie was observed drinking alcohol  
23 with several people at the party, although he did not do so with CCHS students or  
24 anyone known to be underage. The CCHS's investigation found that Guthrie's  
25 communications with students via social media violated school policy. The  
26 communication occurred when students were remote learning from home  
27 because of COVID. The messages contained no inappropriate content and was  
28 either school related or small talk.

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30 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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John Guthrie  
32 John M. Guthrie

3/28/2022  
Date

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Trent Danowski  
34 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director

04/04/2022  
Date

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**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 548-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversation at all times*), and OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*).

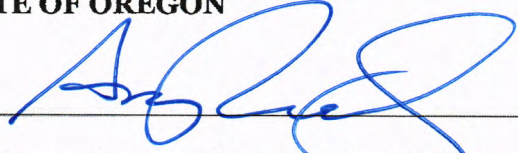
The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

**ORDER**

The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above stipulation of fact, conclusions of law, and based thereon hereby imposes a Public Reprimand upon John M. Guthrie’s Oregon educator license.

Issued and dated this 22 day of June, 2022.

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

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director