

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

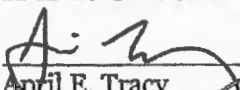
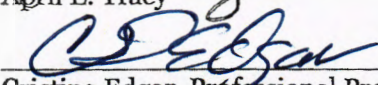
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5 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

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7 1. The Commission has licensed Tracy since April 2, 2015. Tracy holds a
8 Preliminary Teaching License, with endorsements in Special Education:
9 Generalist (PK-12), Elementary – Multiple Subjects (PK-12), and English to
10 Speakers of Other Languages (PK-12) which was valid from January 17, 2021 and
11 expired on March 31, 2024. During all relevant times, Tracy was employed by the
12 Hillsboro School District (HSD).
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- 14 2. On November 21, 2022, TSPC received a school district misconduct report
15 alleging that Tracy engaged in professional misconduct. The misconduct report
16 alleged that on or about October 19, 2022 while working in the capacity as a
17 teacher at Patterson Elementary School in the HSD, Tracy threw a bean bag chair
18 towards a special education student which caused him to trip and fall.
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- 20 3. According to HSD documents and a TSPC investigation into this matter, the
21 following occurred in relation to the above-listed allegation:
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- 23 • On or about October 19, 2022, while Tracy was instructing in her classroom,
24 she threw a bean bag chair towards a special education student GL, age six
25 (6).
 - 26 • Student GL tripped and fell on the bean bag but was uninjured.
 - 27 • HSD administration became aware of the incident and placed Tracy on
28 administrative leave on October 21, 2022.
 - 29 • Multiple staff witnesses reported seeing Tracy throw the bean bag chair in the
30 direction of student GL and reported that it caused him to trip and fall.
 - 31 • Upon completion of the district investigation, Tracy resigned her position
32 with the HSD via a Separation Agreement on December 31, 2022.

1 4. On January 18, 2024, Tracy interviewed with TSPC investigative staff via
2 telephone in the presence of her attorney, Charese Rohny. During the interview,
3 Tracy confirmed the information listed above but stated that she believed she had
4 thrown a pillow, not a bean bag chair, in the direction of student GL. Tracy
5 reported that she threw the pillow because student GL was running around the
6 classroom and started to fall. Tracy reported that she has an old knee injury that
7 prevents her from moving fast, so she opted to throw the pillow in hopes it would
8 cushion student GL's fall and prevent injury. Tracy described the object she threw
9 as a circular a "Squishmellow" pillow. Tracy reported that student GL did fall, but
10 immediately got back to his feet and continued to play. Tracy concluded her
11 interview with TSPC investigative staff by reporting that she takes full
12 responsibility for her actions, and state that she has "remorse" for throwing the
13 pillow towards student GL and wishes she would have handled the matter
14 differently.

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16 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

17  _____ 5/30/2024
18 April E. Tracy Date
19  _____ 6/6/24
20 Cristina Edgar, Professional Practices Director Date
21 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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CONCLUSION OF LAW

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