



1 investigator. On April 1, 2022, the Commission considered Piazza's application,  
2 investigative reports, and Piazza's support materials for reinstatement of his  
3 licensure. The history of Piazza's past cases and facts that supported the  
4 Commission's actions, included the following:  
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6 A. On June 5, 2006, the Commission received a patron complaint alleging  
7 misconduct against Piazza, an educator at Grant Union High School. The  
8 complaint alleged that Piazza had physically struck a student during track  
9 practice in front of other students. It was further alleged that the strike caused  
10 visible injury to the student. According to the Grant County Sheriff's Office  
11 investigation into this matter, Piazza reportedly got into an argument with a  
12 student (NP) and struck NP twice, once in the face and once in the stomach  
13 with a closed fist. Multiple student and staff witnessed the incident and  
14 attested to what they had witnessed during the investigation. In conjunction  
15 with this investigation, TSPC also reviewed additional historic complaints of  
16 misconduct against Piazza. In 2004, it was reported and confirmed that  
17 Piazza pulled a student (LM) on his wrestling team behind the bleachers and  
18 began yelling at him "face to face" and pushed LM away using his hands (with  
19 open palms) three separate times. It was reported that Piazza had done this in  
20 response to LM losing a wrestling match. Additionally, in October of 2008, it  
21 was reported and confirmed that Piazza used his district computer to send  
22 and received multiple inappropriate sexually explicit messages and images  
23 with an adult female. Piazza did this during school hours, with students  
24 present in his classroom. The messages contained detailed descriptions of sex  
25 acts that were going to be performed on each other and included pictures of  
26 woman's breasts and couples engaged in sexual intercourse. The Grant  
27 County District Attorney's Office declined to pursue criminal charges in these  
28 matters, and Piazza resigned his position with the district.  
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30 B. On February 4, 2010, upon advice from his attorney, Adam Arms, Piazza  
31 entered into a Stipulated Order agreement with the Commission that resulted  
32 in the revocation of his teaching license and revocation of his right to reapply

1 for one year. The stipulated agreement established that Piazza's conduct  
2 constituted gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-  
3 020-0040(4)(d) (Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow  
4 employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250);  
5 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates in OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use  
6 professional judgment). OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR  
7 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and*  
8 *respect for each individual*). OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q) (Knowing and  
9 unauthorized use of school computer equipment to receive, store, produce or  
10 send sexually explicit materials.)

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12 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

13 Peter R. Piazza's conduct described above is grounds for denial of his application  
14 under ORS 342.143(2). The Commission denies Piazza's reinstatement application for  
15 the following reasons:

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17 a. Piazza failed to sufficiently explain the steps he has personally and  
18 professionally taken to prevent a reoccurrence of violence against  
19 students.  
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21 b. Piazza failed to provide any documentation of treatment completed or any  
22 letters of recommendation.  
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24 c. The conduct Piazza engaged in that resulted in revocation.  
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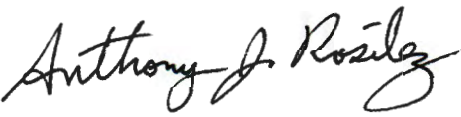
26 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon  
27 ORS 342.175.

28 **FINAL ORDER**

29 The Commission hereby denies Peter R. Piazza's reinstatement application for an  
30 Oregon educator license and revokes Peter R. Piazza's Right to Apply for an Oregon  
31 Educator License.

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33 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19 day of July, 2023.  
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1 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

2 By:   
3 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director  
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7 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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