


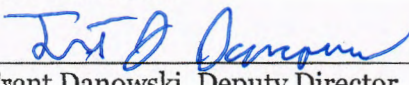
1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

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4 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

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6 1. The Commission has licensed Larsen since August 5, 1988. Larsen currently
7 holds a Legacy Teaching License with an endorsement in World Language:
8 Spanish (PK-12). The license was issued on April 12, 2022 and is valid through
9 April 11, 2025. During all relevant times, Larsen was employed by the North Bend
10 School District (NBSD).
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- 12 2. On April 6, 2022, the superintendent of the NBSD filed a School District
13 Misconduct Report alleging that Larsen “displayed music videos with sexualized
14 lyrics in visual representation to students.” It was reported that one of Larsen’s
15 students found the video inappropriate and recorded the video being shown in
16 the classroom on their cell phone. The parents of the student reported this
17 incident to NBSD administration.
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- 19 3. During the district investigation, per NBSD records, Larsen admitted to district
20 investigative staff that the video was inappropriate and should not have been
21 shown in the classroom. Larsen reported that his motivation for showing the
22 video was that Pitbull is a Latin American star which makes him relevant to
23 Spanish-speaking culture which is part of what he is responsible for teaching in
24 Spanish class. Additionally, Larsen stated that students had previously requested
25 the video be played. According to district records, as a result of this incident,
26 Larsen’s contract with the NBSD was not renewed.
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- 28 4. Larsen interviewed with TSPC Investigative staff on December 6, 2022 via
29 telephone. Also present for the interview was his attorney, Kate Flanagan. During
30 the interview Larsen reported that he did not think the Pitbull video played in the
31 classroom was “that bad” and reported that he had played it for students before,
32 because they had requested it. Larsen reported that at the time the video played,
33 he was not aware that it had made any student uncomfortable. Larsen denied that
34 he heard any complaints from students that day, nor any verbal comments from
35 students about the video being inappropriate. According to Larsen, the music

1 video "Timber" is one of Billboards top 100 songs of the decade, 2010-2019. The
2 music video shows women line-dancing on a table in shorts. Larsen reported that
3 he apologized for the incident and stated that he never had any intention of
4 making any students uncomfortable. Additionally, Larsen stated that he would
5 not do this again, and now knows that he cannot allow students to play videos
6 they want in class.
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8 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

9  _____ 24 MARCH 2023
10 Aaron L. Larsen Date
11  _____ 03/27/2023
12 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Date
13 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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15 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

16 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
17 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-
18 0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*).

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

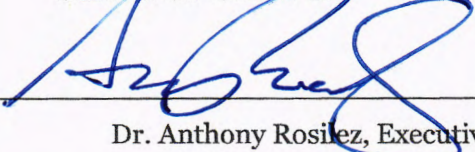
21 **ORDER**

22 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
23 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand and one (1) year
24 probation.

25 Issued and dated this 7 day of April, 2023.

26 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

27 **STATE OF OREGON**

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29 By  _____
30 Dr. Anthony Rosalez, Executive Director