## 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 5 AMY K. GOULTER-ALLEN SUSPENSION AND PROBATION 6 7 On September 20, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 8 (Commission) received a School District Misconduct Report from the Noth Santiam 9 School District (NSSD), indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of 10 licensed educator, Amy K. Goulter-Allen (Goulter-Allen). 11 After review of the matters alleged, Goulter-Allen and the Commission agree that 12 their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a 13 stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a thirty (30) day suspension and three 14 (3) years probation. 15 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the 16 sanction to be imposed. Goulter-Allen stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained 17 in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of 18 law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Goulter-Allen waives the right to a 19 hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below. 20 By signing below, Goulter-Allen acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and 21 agrees to the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing 22 to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully 23 and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this 24 Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); 25 (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public 26 upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent 27 upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does 28 not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Goulter-Allen nor 29 the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation 30 and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or 31 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of 32 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or representation has 33 been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has 34 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully

advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an

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

## STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission has licensed Goulter-Allen since May 7, 1999. Goulter-Allen holds a Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Agricultural Science (PK-12), Agricultural Science & Technology (CTE) (PK-12) and English to Speakers of Other Languages (PK-12); valid from October 16, 2019 to October 15, 2024. During all relevant times, Goulter-Allen was employed by the North Santiam School District (NSSD).

2. On September 20, 2022, TSPC received a School District Misconduct Report from NSSD Human Resource Director Danielle Blackwell (Blackwell) alleging professional misconduct against Goulter-Allen, a teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor for the NSSD at Stayton High School (SHS). The report specifically alleged that Goulter-Allen failed to take steps to stop another adult from making sexually harassing statements and sharing inappropriate jokes with FFA students that she was charged with supervising/protecting at supervising at the Oregon State Fair.

3. According to NSSD records and TSPC's investigation, the following events were substantiated:

 On August 28, 2022 SHS Principal Vickey Storey (Storey) received a complaint from the parent of an FFA student who had attended the Oregon State Fair under your supervision.

• The parent reported that Goulter-Allen's husband, LA, who was present at the fair with Goulter-Allen on August 28, 2022, had made inappropriate comments to her daughter, HJ.

NSSD administrators interviewed HJ on September 1, 2022, and she
reported that LA showed her several items on his phone, including a
cartoon picture of a condom and a face mask where the condom says to
the face mask "don't worry they don't wear me either."

HJ also reported that LA told her that he'd made Goulter-Allen get a
nose ring, and then said "everyone looks hotter with a nose ring." HJ
reported that LA then looked her up and down and said "hell you
would be a hell of a lot hotter with a nose ring."

HJ reported that she did not respond to LA's comment, and then LA hugged her arm and laughed. HJ reported that LA and Goulter-Allen left to get food, and as LA walked away he looked at her arm and said "oh my god, I am going to get a disease now." HJ reported that Goulter-Allen heard this comment and told LA to "be nice." (HJ has a skin condition on the arm LA hugged.)

HJ reported that when LA and Goulter-Allen returned from getting

- food, Goulter-Allen did not apologize to her for LA's comments but instead said that her son was way more "perverted" than LA.
- HJ reported that she moved her chair away from where LA was sitting, but that he moved his chair over to her new location to be closer to her.
- HJ reported that LA then showed her a photo of his daughter and asked HJ "isn't she hot?"
- HJ reported that LA then showed her photos of cars on his phone, and then showed her another cartoon photo of a heavyset woman in a swimsuit with the caption "I found out what body type I like...an hourglass body with an extra hour."
- HJ reported that after LA showed her this photo, he said "I don't know
  if you can tell, but I like bigger women."
- HJ reported that LA then proceeded to look her up and down again, multiple times and gave her "sexual eyes."
- HJ reported that she and a few other FFA students spoke to Goulter-Allen about LA's comment that HJ would look hotter with a nose ring on August 29, 2022. It was reported that Goulter-Allen told HJ and the students present "oh he says that about everyone."
- Subsequent interviews with other students and parents that were at the fair corroborated HJ's statements.
- The NSSD interviewed Goulter-Allen about this matter, and during the interview Goulter-Allen denied hearing LA making any sexualized statements to any of her students, including HJ. Goulter-Allen reported that if she had heard LA say something inappropriate, she would have stopped it. Goulter-Allen also reported that she was not aware that LA had showed students inappropriate cartoons on his phone, but did admit that LA can be inappropriate at times.
- On September 20, 2022, Goulter-Allen received a Letter of Suspension from the NSSD. Goulter-Allen was issued seven days of unpaid suspension and removed from her position as FFA advisor. Additionally, LA was trespassed from all NSSD facilities and properties.
- 4. On October 19, 2023, TSPC received a School District Misconduct Report from NSSD Human Resource Director Danielle Blackwell (Blackwell) alleging professional misconduct against Goulter-Allen, a teacher at Stayton High School (SHS) in the NSSD. The report specifically alleged that Goulter-Allen had used the "n-word" in class while acting as a substitute teacher on September 20, 2023.
- 5. According to district documents and the TSPC investigation, the following events related to the above allegations were substantiated:
  - On September 20, 2023, SHS Vice Principal Joe Traeger (Traeger)

received a complaint that Goulter-Allen had used the "n-word" while acting as a substitute teacher for a colleague's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period class.

On September 21, 2023 Traeger interviewed five (5) students who we

- On September 21, 2023 Traeger interviewed five (5) students who were
  present in the class during the timeframe in question. According to the
  students who were interviewed, during the last five minutes of class one
  student took out his phone and turned the volume on. When the student
  opened his social media account, the first video he played said the "nword."
- It was reported that Goulter-Allen corrected the student for having his volume up and for playing a video with the (n-word) in class.
- After this interaction with the student, Goulter-Allen reportedly told the class a story about a previous student who was African American who would use the "n-word" in the halls at school.
- A student in the class asked Goulter-Allen for clarification on the word that was used, and Goulter-Allen replied with "what's up my n---er (racial epithet)."
- Students reported that there was an "obvious" and visceral reaction by the students in the class, and some students attempted to get Goulter-Allen to repeat the word so they could record her saying it on their phones.
- Students reported that one student told Goulter-Allen he was going to go to the office to report what she had said to administration.
- Students reported that Goulter-Allen told that student that "no, you need a
  pass to go to the office and I'm not going to write you one." Goulter-Allen
  then told the class that she really hadn't said the word, she was just
  repeating it.
- After interviewing students, Goulter-Allen was placed on administrative leave.
- On September 27, 2023, Goulter-Allen was interviewed by NSSD administration regarding this matter. During the interview Goulter-Allen reported that the student's statements about the incident was "pretty accurate."
- During Goulter-Allen's interview with NSSD administration, she admitted
  to using the n-word, but stated she was trying to use it as a teachable
  moment, though sje acknowledged it was wrong to use the word. GoulterAllen reported that in hindsight, she should have just said "n-word" rather
  than using the actual word itself. Additionally, Goulter-Allen reported that
  when the student said he was going to report the incident to
  administration, she stated that she should have gone straight to
  administration to discuss the incident.
- On January 10, 2024 Goulter-Allen resigned from the NSSD in lieu of termination via a Resignation Agreement.

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44 45	Amy K. Goulter-Allen		Date	

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3 4	Cristina Edgar, Professional Practices Director Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  Date			
5	CONCLUSION OF LAW			
6	The conduct described in sections two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) above			
7	constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-			
8	0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR			
9	584-020-0020(2)(d) (Skill in the supervision of students), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e)			
10	(Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), and OAR 584-020-			
11	0010(1) and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring			
12	appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times).			
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14	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon			
15	ORS 342.175.			
16	ORDER			
17	The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and			
18	conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a thirty (30) day suspension and three			
19	(3) years of probation on Amy K. Goulter-Allen's Oregon educator license.			
20	Issued and dated this day of August, 2024.			
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22	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION			
23	STATE OF OREGON/			
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25	Melissa Goff, Executive Director			