1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 STIPULATION OF FACTS AND In the Matter of the 4 FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND Teaching License of: 5 TONI KATHLEEN PETERSEN 6 On or about June 17, 2009, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 7 (Commission) received a report indicating that Ms. Petersen may have engaged in conduct 8 constituting gross neglect of duty. 9 The Commission charged Ms. Petersen with gross neglect of duty and issued a Notice 10 of Opportunity for Hearing on March 18, 2010. After review of the matters alleged, Ms. 11 Petersen and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public 12 interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a public 13 reprimand. 14 This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the 15 stipulated sanction to be imposed. Ms. Petersen stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in 16 the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order 17 set forth below. 18 By signing below, Ms. Petersen acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to 19 the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the 20 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all 21 such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final 22 Order of Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order): (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public 23 document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and 24 Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the 25 Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Ms. Petersen nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this 26 27 Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force

1	or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the
2	Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or representation have been made
3	to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney
4	regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights
5	thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this
6	Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.
7	STIPULATION OF FACTS
8	1. The Commission first licensed Ms. Petersen on August 2, 1984. Ms. Petersen's
9	current Standard Teaching License, with an endorsement in Basic Social Studies (grades 5-12)
10	and Standard Handicapped Learner (grades pre-kindergarten through 12) is valid through July
11	12, 2015.
12	2. Ms. Petersen was employed as a high school special education teacher in the Sweet
13	Home School District during all relevant times herein.
14	3. On or about June 10, 2009, Ms. Petersen disclosed information about a student that
15	she felt needed prompt counseling assistance by sending an email to a mental health counselor
16	she believed was counseling the student, but she did not have confirmation that the email
17	recipient was in fact the student's counselor. The email recipient was in fact the student's
18	counselor. Ms Petersen stated in the email that she did not have permission from the student's
19	parents to share information with the student's counselor.
20	IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO:
21 22	Toni Kathleen Petersen 10 (27/10 Date
23 24 25 26	Toni Kathleen Petersen Date 1/- 5-/ D Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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2	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
3	Ms. Petersen's conduct described in paragraph 3 above constitutes gross neglect of
4	duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates 584-020-
5	0010(5)(a) (use of professional judgment); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAF
6	584-020-0035(1)(a) (Keep the confidence entrusted in the profession as it relates to confidentia
7	information concerning a student and the student's family).
8	The Commission has the authority to impose discipline in this matter under ORS
9	342.120 through 342.430 and OAR Chapter 584.
10	FINAL ORDER
11	The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above finding of facts and
12	conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Toni Kathleen
13	Petersen. This Order shall serve as the Public Reprimand.
14	Issued and dated this 5th day of November, 2010.
15° 16	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION STATE OF OREGON
17 18 19	By Mictoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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