



- 1 2. During all relevant times Parsons was employed by the South Umpqua School District  
2 as the Superintendent.
- 3 3. On April 27 and 30, 2007, Ms. Parsons sent an email from her school district computer  
4 to district staff, during work hours, in support of and in opposition to candidates for  
5 school district board positions. The April 27 email contained specific instructions to  
6 public employees who were her subordinates to contribute financially to campaigns.  
7 ORS 260.432 prohibits public employees from promoting or opposing a candidate while  
8 on the job during working hours or in their official capacity, and forbids any persons from  
9 attempting to or actually requiring public employees to support or oppose a candidate.  
10 In December 2007, the Oregon Secretary of State found that Ms. Parsons' actions  
11 violated Oregon election laws and imposed a \$250 fine for the conduct.
- 12 4. Sending such email violated Oregon law, specifically ORS 260.432(2) and ORS  
13 260.432(1).

#### 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

15 Ms. Parsons' use of school district computers and work time in furtherance of a political  
16 activity constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-  
17 0040(4)(a) (*Knowing and substantial unauthorized use of: school name or financial credit;*  
18 *school materials or equipment for personal purposes; or school personnel to provide*  
19 *personal services unrelated to school business*) and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it  
20 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(2)(e) (*Not use the district's or school's name, property, or*  
21 *resources for noneducational benefit or purposes without approval of the educator's*  
22 *supervisor or the appointing authority*) and OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of*  
23 *the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and*  
24 *honesty*). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon  
25 ORS 342.175.

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby imposes a Reprimand on the licensure of Beverly Joan  
3 Parsons.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

5 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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8 By:   
9 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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14 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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16 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY  
17 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE  
18 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
19 OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.  
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing notice of final order, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Beverly Joan Parsons  
PO Box 1226  
Roseburg OR 97470

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Melody Hanson  
Executive Assistant