1	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON
3 4 5	In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION MATTHEW LYNN COMBE)
6 7	On or about October 20, 2004, the Teacher Standards and Practices
8	Commission (Commission) received a report indicating possible inappropriate conduct
9	by Matthew Combe, an educator in the Union Baker Education Service District.
10	After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Combe and the Commission agree that
11	their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a
12	stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a thirty (30) day suspension.
13	By signing below, Mr. Combe acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and
14	agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing
15	to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and
16	finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this
17	Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Suspension (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this
18	Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon
19	request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and
20	subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not
21	approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Mr. Combe nor the
22	Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and
23	Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or
24	duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry
25	of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or representation has
26	been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has
27	consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully
28	advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an

1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of 2 the Stipulated Final Order below. 3 STIPULATION OF FACTS 4 1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Combe since February 3, 2000. Mr. Combe recently 5 held an Emergency Administrator License that expired July 15, 2009 and currently holds 6 a Restricted Transitional Teaching License that expires May 1, 2010. 7 2. From 1996 to 2004, Mr. Combe was employed by the Union Baker Education Service 8 District. He was assigned as a teacher/coordinator of UBESD alternative education 9 programs. During 2004, the UBESD was investigated on allegations of money theft; 10 fraud, and other financial improprieties. As part of the investigation of the UBESD, Mr. 11 Combe was interviewed by Oregon State Police and Department of Justice 12 investigators. 13 3. During the course of the UBESD investigation, Mr. Combe admitted to submitting one or 14 more travel reimbursement claims to the UBESD for mileage that he did not incur while 15 employed by the UBESD. He claimed reimbursement for personal mileage when he 16 actually drove a UBESD vehicle on business, or when he did not make the trip claimed. 17 Mr. Combe asserts that these reimbursements were actually related to other, non-travel, 18 work-related expenses, and that he had followed his supervisor's direction in 19 categorizing them as travel-expense reimbursement requests. 20 4. Mr. Combe fully cooperated with, and assisted, law enforcement officials in their 21 investigation into wide-ranging allegations of impropriety involving a number of UBESD 22 staff and administrators. 23 111 24 111 25 111 26 111

1	IT IS SO STIPULATED:	
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3 4 5 6 7 8	Matthew Lynn Combe Matthew Lynn Combe Date 10-27-09	
9	CONCLUSION OF LAW	
10	1. Mr. Combe submitted one or more improper claims for travel reimbursement, as	
11	described in paragraph 3 above. This conduct constituted gross neglect of duty und	er
12	ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification/misrepresentation	n
13	related to employment, licensure or professional duties); OAR 584-020-0040(o) as it	
14	incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (Maintain the dignity of the profession by	
15	respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty).	
16	2. Mr. Combe submitted one or more improper claims for travel reimbursement, as	
17	described in paragraph 3 above. Any of this conduct is grounds for denial of Mr.	
18	Combe's teaching or administrative license under ORS 342.143(2) because he failed	ı to
19	show good moral character or trustworthiness to hold a license; and the provisions o	f
20	OAR 584-050-0006(3)(d).	
21	ORDER	
22	The Restricted Transitional Teaching License of Matthew Lynn Combe is	
23	suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order and his right to	
24	apply for an administrator license is revoked for the same thirty (30) day period.	
25	Issued and dated thisday of November, 2009.	
26 27	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION STATE OF OREGON	
28 29 30	By Julia Jamberlain, Executive Director	