

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the)	STIPULATION OF FACTS,
4 Teaching License of)	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
5 CHRISTOPHER M. YUCHO)	

6 On or about February 10, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
7 (Commission) received reports indicating that Christopher Michael Yucho (Yucho) may have
8 engaged in conduct constituting gross neglect of duty.

9 The Commission charged Yucho with gross neglect of duty and issued a Notice of
10 Opportunity for Hearing on September 27, 2011. After review of the matters alleged, Yucho and
11 the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best
12 served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a suspension of his teaching license, and
13 probation.

14 By signing below, Yucho acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
15 following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings
16 of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and
17 any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts, and Order of Suspension
18 (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and
19 disclosed to the public by the Commission upon request; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is
20 contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission
21 does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Yucho nor the
22 Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order,
23 and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this
24 Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order
25 below; (vi) he states that no promises or representations have been made to induce him to sign
26 this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this
27 Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives

1 any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order
2 and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

4 1. The Commission has licensed Yucho since April 17, 1997. Mr. Yucho currently holds a
5 Standard Teaching License with an endorsement in Standard Elementary, issued November 8,
6 2006, and was set to expire November 7, 2011. He made timely application for renewal of his
7 license, for which his application is pending. During all relevant times, Yucho was employed by the
8 North Clackamas School District.

9 2. On December 17, 2010, Yucho was absent from work. Yucho told his employing school
10 district that he was absent due to his child's illness, and reported the same on his payroll forms.
11 Investigations determined that Yucho's child was not sick at this time; instead Yucho left
12 employment early that day to attend an avalanche training related to his role as a mountain search
13 and rescue volunteer.

14 3. When confronted by district administrators about his actions on December 17, 2010,
15 Yucho repeatedly denied being untruthful regarding his absence. Yucho falsified an email from the
16 principal of his child's school by altering the contents of the original email to include inaccurate
17 dates in an attempt to support his denials, and to support his version of events. Yucho continued
18 his denials until confronted with the original email from his child's school's principal. Yucho had
19 been reprimanded by his employing school district on two previous occasions in 2007 for similar
20 behavior.

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22 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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25 Christopher M. Yucho

5/27/12

Date

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Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

7-2-12

Date

1 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

2 1. By engaging in the conduct in paragraph two (2) above, Christopher M. Yucho engaged in
3 gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR
4 584-020-0010(5) (*Use of professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of*
5 *any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional*
6 *duties*).

7 2. By engaging in the conduct in paragraph three (3) above, Christopher M. Yucho engaged in
8 gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR
9 584-020-0010(5) (*Use of professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and*
10 *reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(3)(d) (*Skill in reconciling conflict*); and OAR 584-
11 020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to*
12 *licensure, employment, or professional duties*).

13 3. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
14 342.175.

15 **ORDER**

16 The Commission adopts and incorporates the above findings of facts and conclusions of
17 law and based on the foregoing, hereby orders that Christopher Yucho's Standard Teaching
18 License is suspended for 30 days from the date this order is signed.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED this 20th day of July, 2012.

20 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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22 By: 
23 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director