



1 District and Commission investigations determined that on or about April 24, 2013, Somers  
2 improperly assisted students taking the OAKS, grade 3 math test in violation of testing  
3 protocols. Specifically, Somers improperly and repeatedly assisted students by verbally and  
4 non-verbally coaching students. Investigation determined Somers had been properly  
5 trained to administer the test, and Somers had signed the “Test Administrator Assurance of  
6 Test Security” form indicating Somers understood testing protocol and requirements. As a  
7 result of Somers’ actions, all involved students had their test scores invalidated. Due to  
8 documented medical issues, Somers was unable to recall the events of the April 24, 2013,  
9 incident. On June 12, 2014, Somers resigned her employment with the Coos Bay School  
10 District.

### 11 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12 Tamera Marie Somers engaged in unprofessional conduct as described above. This  
13 conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-  
14 0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(2)(*Encourage scholarship*), OAR 584-  
15 020-0010(4)(*Raise educational standards*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional*  
16 *judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and  
17 regulations); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-  
18 0035(3)(a)(*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law,*  
19 *exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*).

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21 The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
22 342.175.

### 23 FINAL ORDER

24 The Commission hereby issues a Public Reprimand upon Tamera Marie Somers’  
25 Educator licensure, and places Somers on probation for a period of four (4) years from the  
26 date of this order. This probation period is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 27 1. Somers shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance  
28 of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division  
29 020.

1 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis  
2 for the Commission to revoke Somers' teaching license or otherwise impose discipline, after  
3 first providing Somers with notice and opportunity for hearing.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015.

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8 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION



9 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

11 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

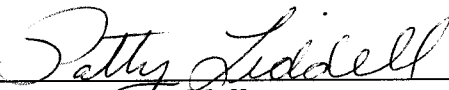
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14 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW  
15 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM  
16 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE  
17 PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE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

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:

Tamera Marie Somers  
PO Box 892  
Gold Beach, OR 97444-0892

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015.

By:   
Patty Liddell  
Investigative Assistant