1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4 5 6 7 8	In the Matter of the Educator License of SARAH SWANSON-SUHRSTEDT  DEFAULT ORDER OF REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR AN EDUCATOR LICENSE
9	On December 13, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Sarah Louise Swanson-
11	Suhrstedt (Swanson-Suhrstedt) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of
12	Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7012
13	1010 0003 2804 2384 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated
14	the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified
15	Mail receipt was returned, signed to the Commission on December 18, 2013. The regular
16	mail was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated
17	December 13, 2013, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:
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19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."
27	On January 2, 2014, the Commission received Swanson-Suhrstedt 's request for a hearing.
28	On January 8, 2014, Swanson-Suhrstedt withdrew her request a hearing and elected to
29	default. The Commission, therefore, finds Swanson-Suhrstedt to be in default and enters the
30	following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records
31	of the Commission concerning this matter.
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33	FINDINGS OF FACT
34	1. Swanson-Suhrstedt has been licensed by the Commission since July 10, 2007. Swanson-
35	Suhrstedt previously held an Initial I Teaching License, issued September 10, 2010, with
36	endorsements in Multiple Subjects (Middle Level), Biology (HS,ML), and Chemistry

(HS,ML), which expired on September 9, 2013. During all relevant times, Swanson-1 Suhrstedt was employed by the Central Point School District. 2 3 4 2. On or about February of 2012, Swanson-Suhrstedt engaged in sexual relations with an 5 eighteen vear old student CB while CB was house-sitting at his grandparents' residence. 6 Swanson-Suhrstedt's sexual encounters with CB included sexual intercourse, Swanson-7 Suhrstedt performing oral sex on CB, and other physical sexual conduct. Swanson-8 Suhrstedt was not the teacher for any of student CB's classes. 9 10 3. During the 2011-2012 school year, Swanson-Suhrstedt engaged in inappropriate 11 conversations with an 18 year old male student MC via text messages and the cell phone 12 application "Voxer". The conversations included sexually explicit subjects. On one occasion, Swanson-Suhrstedt sent MC a text message asking MC to come over to her 13 residence. MC replied, "What would we do?" and Swanson-Suhrstedt responded, 14 "Chemistry". MC replied to Swanson-Suhrstedt's text, "Sexual chemistry?" and Swanson-15 16 Suhrstedt answered, "Are you game?" In February of 2012, Swanson-Suhrstedt met with 17 MC and discussed with him Swanson-Suhrstedt's sexual relations with another 18 year old male student, CB. Swanson-Suhrstedt told MC that she had sexual intercourse with 18 CB, describing the act as "horrible" and being like a "jackhammer". 19 20 4. On or about February-March of 2012, Swanson-Suhrstedt engaged in inappropriate 21 conversations with student JP. The conversations included sexually explicit subjects. 22 23 On one occasion, Swanson-Suhrstedt discussed with JP her sexual relations with student, CB. Swanson-Suhrstedt told JP that she had sexual intercourse with CB at 24 25 CB's grandparent's home. Swanson-Suhrstedt told JP that she cared about CB and 26 wanted to have sex with him again. Swanson-Suhrstedt also told JP that she had 27 taken a blood test and believed she might be pregnant and experiencing morning 28 sickness. 29 111 30 /// 31 ///

1	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
2	Swanson-Suhrstedt's conduct described in section two above, constitutes gross
3	neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
4	incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and
5	respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR
6	584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring
7	appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times);
8	and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student) as that term is defined
9	by OAR 584-020-0005(5).
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11	Swanson-Suhrstedt's conduct described in section three above, constitutes gross
12	neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
13	incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and
14	respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR
15	584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B) (Not accepting or
16	giving or exchanging romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student), OAR 584-
17	020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and
18	conversations at all times); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a
19	student) as that term is defined by OAR 584-020-0005(5).
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21	Swanson-Suhrstedt's conduct described in section four above, constitutes gross
22	neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
23	incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and
24	respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR
25	584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring
26	appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times);
27	and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student) as that term is defined
28	by OAR 584-020-0005(5).
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30	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS

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342.175.

1	FINAL ORDER
2	The Commission hereby revokes Sarah Louise Swanson-Suhrstedt's Right to Apply
3	for an Educator license.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10 the day of January, 2014.
5	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
6	By: Ramberlain
7	Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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9 10	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
11	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW
12	MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM
13	THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE
14	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:

Sarah Louise Swanson-Suhrstedt 5485 SW 149<sup>th</sup> Ave Beaverton, OR 97007-7727

Dated this  $\frac{/b}{}$  day of January, 2014.

Patty Liddell

**Investigative Assistant**