

1 November 10, 2000. There were no complaints regarding Mr. Hitchen's performance as
2 classroom teacher prior to October 10, 2000. Mr. Hitchen received very positive
3 evaluations during his employment with St. Helens School District.

4 3. Mr. Hitchen admits that on October 10, 2000, he picked up a male eighth
5 grade student, placed him in a cradle hold, and placed him back down on the floor. Mr.
6 Hitchen's objective was to redirect the student's disruptive behavior.

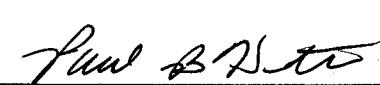
7 4. Although, Mr. Hitchen did not intend to humiliate the student or cause injury
8 Mr. Hitchen acknowledges that his behavior was inappropriate, may have embarrassed
9 the student in front of classmates and may have caused discomfort.

10 5. Shortly after the incident Mr. Hitchen sought counseling with Chuck Raye,
11 LCSW. Mr. Hitchen participated in 8 counseling sessions over a two month period.

12 6. Mr. Hitchen accepts responsibility for his behavior and acknowledges his
13 behavior was inappropriate in that he failed to demonstrate a commitment to use
14 professional judgment during this incident on October 10, 2000.

15 This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
16 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Hitchen nor the
17 Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Mr. Hitchen retains all rights to a
18 hearing on the allegations.

19 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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Paul Hitchen

41-25-01

Date

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26 David V. Myton Executive Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

4/23/01

Date

1 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

2 Mr. Hitchen failed to demonstrate a commitment to use professional judgment on
3 October 10, 2000, when he picked up a male eighth grade student in and placed him in
4 a cradle in the gymnasium of St Helen's Middle School.

5 **ORDER**

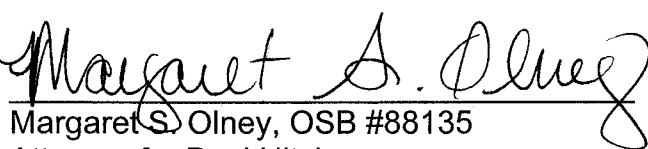
6 The Commission imposes a Public Reprimand on Mr. Hitchen. This Stipulation
7 of Facts and Order constitutes the Reprimand.

8 Dated this 11th day of May 2001

9 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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11 By: 
12 David V. Myton, Executive Director

13 Approved as to form:

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16 Margaret S. Olney, OSB #88135
17 Attorney for Paul Hitchen