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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Educator License of) FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND
LARRY L. MORENE)

On or about January 5, 2018, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a district report indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Larry L. Morene (Morene).

After review of the matters alleged, Morene and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Morene stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Morene waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

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

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STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission has licensed Morene since August of 1992. Morene’s Standard Teaching License, with an endorsement in Physical Education (PK-12) and Health (PK-12), is valid December 17, 2015, through January 9, 2021. During all relevant times, Morene was employed by the Klamath County School District (KCS D).
2. On January 5, 2018, the Commission received a school district report alleging that Morene may have engaged in inappropriate physical contact with a student, in an attempt to restrain him.
3. Investigation determined that, on December 13, 2017, while attempting to manage a disruptive seventh grade student (JA), Morene grabbed JA by his sweatshirt and held him in an attempt to deescalate the situation; however, the actions had the opposite effect and the student alleged left marks on his shoulder and neck. Prior to this contact, JA had knocked over a classroom table. An argument ensued, and as JA pushed past Morene in an attempt to exit the classroom, he bumped into Morene, dropping his binder and papers on the floor. Morene then escorted JA to a nearby refocus room where the argument continued briefly. Other students witnessed this incident. The District determined the conduct violated district policy.
4. Morene accepted responsibility for his part in the incident and on March 6-7, 2018, of his own accord, completed a training course entitled “Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Flex” in an effort to improve his ability to respond to any future, similar situations more effectively.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Larry L. Morene
Larry L. Morene

2/5/19
Date

Anthony J. Rosalez
~~Anthony J. Rosalez, Executive Director~~
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

3/5/19
Date

Trent J. Danowski, Deputy Director

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d)(*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d)(*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).

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

ORDER

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Larry L. Morene’s Oregon educator license.

Issued and dated this 5 day of April, 2019.

**TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF OREGON**

By  _____

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director