BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 1 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 In the Matter of the Teaching License of **DEFAULT ORDER** LOREN RASMUSSEN 5 6 7 On September 22, 1999, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for hearing to Loren Rasmussen in which the Commission 8 proposed to suspend or revoke the teaching license of Mr. Rasmussen or otherwise impose discipline under ORS 342.177. The Commission based its proposed action on allegations that 10 11 Mr. Rasmussen had engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct and had used inappropriate sexual language with a female student and a female staff member. Mr. Rasmussen requested a hearing 12 through his attorney, Ms. Aruna Masih. Pursuant to negotiations, Mr. Rasmussen withdrew his 13 request for a hearing on February 4, 2000 and consented to the entry of an order of default by the 14 Commission. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr. Rasmussen to be in default, and based on 15 the record in this matter, enters the findings, conclusions and order set forth below. 16 17 STIPULATED FACTS 18 1. Mr. Rasmussen holds a basic five-year teaching license which expired on December 13, 1999. He was employed by the Crescent Valley High School from August 27, 19 20 1985 to June 11, 1999. Mr. Rasmussen retired at the end of the 1999 school year. /// 21 22 /// 23 /// DEFAULT ORDER Page 1 -ETD:tjh\GEN39701.DOC

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I	2. During the first semester of the 1998-99 academic year, Mr. Rasmussen touched
2	female student when she asked him not to touch her; made comments or told stories that were
3	sexually suggestive; made comments about her appearance; and engaged in behavior that
4	embarrassed and intimidated her.
5	During the 1998-99 academic year, Mr. Rasmussen touched a female staff
6	member after she had asked him not to touch her; rubbed his hands up and down her arms;
7	touched her face; massaged her shoulders; made comments or told stories that were sexually
8	suggestive; made comments about her appearance; and engaged in behavior that embarrassed
9	and intimidated her.
0	ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT
1	Loren Rasmussen engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct and used inappropriate sexual
2	language with a female student and a female staff member.
3	CONCLUSION OF LAW
4	The conduct as outlined above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584
15	020-0040(4)(1).
16	DISCUSSION
17	Engaging in sexual conduct and using sexual language with a female student creates an
18	environment which interferes with the student's ability to learn and also has a negative effect on
19	the public image of the school in the community. Engaging in sexual conduct and sexual
20	discussion with a female staff member creates an environment which interferes with the female
21	staff member's ability to perform her duties satisfactorily and also has a negative effect on the
22	public image of the school in the community.
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1 **ORDER** 2 The Oregon Teaching License of Loren Rasmussen shall be suspended for a period of one-year from the date of this order. At the expiration of the period of suspension, 3 Mr. Rasmussen's teaching license shall be reinstated upon his application and upon a showing 4 5 that he has participated in and successfully completed a program of sexual harassment education as designated by the Commission. Mr. Rasmussen will provide to the Commission such 6 information as the Commission requests to verify that he has complied with this condition of 7 8 reinstatement. DATED this /3 day of March 2000. 9 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 10 11 12 By: David V. Myton, Executive Director 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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