1 2 3				RDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF OREGON	
4 5 6 7	Lic	the Matter of the Educator cense of STER WRIGHT MCCORMICK)))	DEFAULT ORDER OF REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE	
8 9		On January 3, 2017, the Teacher	Standard	ls and Practices Commission (Commission) issued	
10	a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Lester Wright McCormick (McCormick) in which the				
11	Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via				
12	U.S	S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified N	Tail Rece	ript 7016 0750 0000 2419 0709 to the address on	
13	file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of				
14	proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was returned signed to the Commission on				
15	Jai	nuary 23, 2017. The first class mail wa	s not ret	urned to the Commission and presumed delivered.	
16	Th	e Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, o	dated Jar	nuary 3, 2017, and signed by Monica Beane,	
17	Ex	ecutive Director, stated:			
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25		YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING S FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEAD YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEAD COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION	SHALL B RING WA RING OI N ORDER N OF YO	RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, E CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR AS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF R IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE R OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE UR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE." January 18, 2017, the Commission received a fax	
26	from McCormick's attorney, David Leroy, advising that McCormick elected not to have a hearing and				
27	was permitting the revocation of his right to apply for licensure without admitting to Gross Neglect				
28	of	Duty or Goss Unfitness. The Commiss	sion, ther	refore, finds McCormick to be in default and enters	
29	the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of				
30	the	e Commission concerning this matter.			
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32		F	INDIN	GS OF FACT	
33	1.	McCormick has been licensed by the	Commis	sion since June 23, 1999. McCormick held an	
34		Initial Administrator License, with a	n endors	ement in Administrator (ALL LVL), valid from	
35		June 30, 2013, through June 29, 201	16. МсСо	rmick did not make application for renewal.	
36		During all relevant times, McCormic	k was en	nployed by the Council School District in Idaho.	
37	2.	On November 23, 2015, the Commis	ssion rec	eived a complaint indicating McCormick may	
38		have committed acts which constitut	te gross r	neglect of duty, specifically, the use of falsified	
30		credentials in his application to the l	Montana	Office of Public Instruction (OPI) for a "Class	

I	5" administrator license. McCormick's application for a Montana Class 5 license was denied.			
2	On May 13, 2016, the State of Montana OPI revoked McCormick's Class 1 (Teaching) and			
3	Class 3 (Principal) licenses for Immoral Conduct based on McCormick's fraudulent			
4	application. Investigation determined that McCormick had presented, as part of his			
5	application for the Montana Class 5 licensure, a forged recommendation letter purporting to			
6	have come from Lewis and Clark College.			
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8	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW			
9	Lester Wright McCormick engaged in unprofessional conduct as described in section two (2)			
10	above. McCormick's conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b);			
11	OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment);			
12	OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (Maintain the dignity of the			
13	profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty); and			
14	OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly			
15	related to licensure, employment, or professional duties). The above conduct also constitutes gross			
16	unfitness in violation of ORS 342-175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(a) (Revocation, suspension or			
17	denial of a license by another state for reasons and through procedures that are the same as, or			
18	substantially equivalent to, those permitting similar action in Oregon), and OAR 584-020-			
19	0040(5)(b)(Fraud or misrepresentation).			
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21	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.			
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23	FINAL ORDER			
24	The Commission hereby revokes Lester Wright McCormick's right to apply for licensure in			
25	Oregon.			
26	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 27th day of February, 2017.			
27	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION			
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29 30 31 32	By: Moruca Glane Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director			

1	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
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3	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
4	OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF
5	THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO
6	THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Default Order of Revocation of Right to Apply for Licensure, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Lester Wright McCormick PO Box 198 Council, ID 83612

Dated this ________day of February, 2017.

Patry Sheldon

Investigative Assistant