1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
3 4 5 6 7	In the Matter of the Educator License of CAROL ANNE REESE) DEFAULT ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE
8	On March 27, 2017, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a
9	Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Carol Anne Reese (Reese) in which the Commission charged
10	her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail
11	Receipt 7016 0750 0000 2419 1119 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice
12	designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The
13	Certified Mail receipt was returned undelivered on March 30, 2017. On April 7, 2017, the Notice was
14	sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7016 0750 0000 2419 0969 to an
15	alternate address. The Certified Mail receipt was returned as "Unclaimed" to the Commission on
16	May 10, 2017. The regular, first class mail was not returned to the Commission, and is assumed to
17	have been delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 7, 2017, and signed by
18	Monica Beane, then Executive Director, stated:
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	"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."
26	On April 26, 2017, Reese, through her attorney, requested a hearing. On February 7, 2018, also
27	through her attorney, Reese withdrew her request for a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds
28	Reese to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order,
29	based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
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31	FINDINGS OF FACT
32	1. Carol Anne Reese has been licensed by the Commission since September 22, 1981. Reese
33	held a Standard Teaching License, with an endorsement in Standard Speech Impaired (018),
34	which was valid from March 10, 2011, through March 9, 2016. Reese did not make
35	application for renewal. During all relevant times, Reese was employed by the Inter-
36	Mountain Education Service District (IMESD).
37	2. On January 16, 2015, the Commission received a patron complaint alleging that Reese was
38	under investigation by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) for child abuse and
39	may have violated professional standards. On April 9, 2015, the Commission received a

district report from IMESD alleging that a DHS investigation into Reese's conduct with her minor aged daughter had resulted in a finding of "Founded" for physical abuse and had been turned over to law enforcement for possible criminal charges.

DHS conducted an investigation into allegations that Reese had assaulted her 16 year old daughter HR. Investigation determined that on November 13, 2014, HR had taken the family vehicle without permission. Upon her return, Reese and HR argued about HR's behavior, and while yelling and calling HR names, Reese slapped HR on the face. Reese pinned HR down on a loveseat and began to choke HR with both hands around her neck, then struck HR on her left eye with the butt of Reese's hand. The results of Reese's assault caused injury and bruising to HR. HR took photographs of her injuries and later reported the assault to her school counselor who in turn reported the incident to DHS.

DHS child welfare founded the allegations against Reese for abuse and cross-reported to law enforcement. HR was removed from Reese's home and placed in the care of family friends. Reese's other adult children provided statements to authorities describing Reese as physically, verbally, and emotionally abusive in the past to all four children who had been in the household. IMESD had placed Reese on administrative leave pending the outcome of the DHS investigation. Reese voluntarily retired from IMESD on June 30, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reese's conduct described in 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(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual), and OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment). Additionally, Reese's conduct constitutes "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c), OAR 584-020-0040(3)(c) and (d) as defined by OAR 584-020-0040 (5) (Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities), and OAR 584-020-0040 (5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).

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

FINAL ORDER
The Commission hereby suspends Carol Anne Reese's right to apply for an Oregon educator
license for a period of six (6) months, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.
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IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23 rd day of March, 2018.
TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
By: J. Rosilez
Ву:
Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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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.