



1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of  
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

### 3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 4 1. Deanna Cintas has been licensed as a School Counselor in Oregon since September  
5 23, 2010. Cintas' Initial I School Counselor License, with an endorsement in School  
6 Counselor (ECE/ELE, ML/HS) was issued on September 23, 2010, and was valid  
7 until September 23, 2013. Cintas did not submit an application for renewal prior to  
8 expiration of her license. During all relevant times, Cintas was employed by the  
9 Banks School District.
- 10 2. On April 16, 2013, the Commission received a report from the Banks School District  
11 indicating that Cintas may have failed to make a mandatory report of child abuse.
- 12 3. On April 12, 2013, a student reported to Cintas, and other involved staff, that he was  
13 afraid to go home after school because his teacher had contacted his mother earlier in  
14 the day, and the student knew he would be in trouble with his mom. The student and  
15 his sister explained that when he got in trouble, his mother would get mad and  
16 sometimes physically abuse him by smacking him. Cintas became the primary  
17 contact for the students, interviewing them and providing them assistance; Cintas  
18 ultimately sent them home without contacting either law enforcement or the DHS  
19 authorities. The Principal caused the children to be stopped on their way home and  
20 returned to the school, while having local law enforcement contacted to make the  
21 required mandatory report of possible child abuse. The administration determined  
22 that if they had not intervened in the situation, the involved children would have  
23 been sent home to a possible abusive situation, and in their opinion, Cintas would  
24 never have made the required mandatory abuse report.
- 25 4. School district reports indicate a total of five instances where Cintas had cause to  
26 make a mandatory child abuse report but failed to recognize the need, had delayed  
27 unnecessarily before making a required report, and/or had to be told or prompted to

1 make the required report. The district reports they have provided Cintas with the  
2 necessary training regarding the mandatory reporting laws and policies and have  
3 coached and directed Cintas on several occasions in an effort to correct deficiencies  
4 in this area. Cintas disagrees with the district's assertions and a review of Cintas'  
5 personnel file shows no formal documentation of prior problems in this area, nor any  
6 supporting materials indicating any additional training in the area of child abuse  
7 reporting.

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9 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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11 Deanna Marie Cintas  
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13 Victoria Chamberlain  
14 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
15 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
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2/20/14  
Date  
2-28-14  
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18 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

19 Deanna Marie Cintas's conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS  
20 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*  
21 *professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(s) (*Failing to report child abuse pursuant*  
22 *to ORS 419B.010*).

23 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
24 342.175.

25 **ORDER**

26 Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- 27 1. The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and  
28 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Deanna  
29 Marie Cintas's Educators License;  
30 2. Cintas will be placed on probation for a period of four (4) years from the date of

1 reinstatement subject to the following conditions:

2 a) Cintas will successfully complete approved training in the area of Child Abuse  
3 Reporting and submit documentation of such training as a requirement for  
4 renewal of her licensure.

5 b) Cintas shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance  
6 of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division  
7 020.

8 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for  
9 the Commission to revoke Cintas's educator license, revoke her right to apply for a  
10 license, or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing Cintas with notice and  
11 opportunity for hearing.

12 Issued and dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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

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By   
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

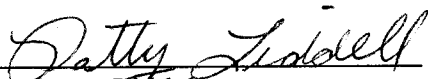
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I served the foregoing Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand and Probation, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail — Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Deanna Marie Cintas  
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DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

By:



Patty Liddell  
Investigative Assistant