

1 2. On June 22, 2017, the Commission received a report from the Department of Human
2 Services (DHS) advising that Basch had been reported to DHS for alleged
3 inappropriate interactions with students while providing substitute teaching services
4 to multiple schools in the Coos Bay School District. The DHS report indicated they
5 had received multiple reports alleging Basch engaged in conduct that violated
6 teacher / student boundaries.

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8 3. On or about the week of June 5 – 9, 2017, administrators of the Coos Bay School
9 District received reports of inappropriate conduct between Basch and several
10 students. The alleged conduct occurred at both the Sunset School and Blossom Gulch
11 School and involved multiple students. Student TF reported that Basch made her feel
12 uncomfortable when Basch touched her back and bra strap. TF also complained that
13 she was made to feel very uncomfortable when Basch discussed the possibility of
14 seeing her sometime at a local swimming pool. Student AP reported that Basch
15 kissed her on the forehead. Student ZW's parent reported to the administration that
16 Basch had kissed ZW on her cheek after she accidentally kicked him while she was on
17 the swing set. When interviewed, ZW also reported that Basch had kissed another
18 student (AB) on the cheek. AB reported that Basch touched her lower back and
19 under the back of her pants and that she and ZW had sat on Basch's lap while
20 reading a book in a big chair.

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22 Local law enforcement reviewed the allegations and determined that no criminal
23 conduct had occurred. On June 8, 2017, South Coast ESD removed Basch from their
24 substitute teacher list.

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26 4. On January 5, 2018, a commission investigator mailed Basch a letter requesting his
27 participation in an interview as required by rule. On January 12, 2018, Basch advised
28 that he did not wish to be interviewed. The investigator followed up with Basch,
29 explaining that failing to cooperate could result in disciplinary action. On January
30 18, 2018, Basch advised the investigator that on advice of counsel he would not be
31 participating in any interviews. Basch also told the investigator that he wanted to
32 surrender his teaching license. On January 17, 2018, the Commission received a
33 letter from Basch advising that he was officially surrendering his license.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Lawrence Victor Basch’s conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of
3 duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
4 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*
5 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill*
6 *in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*);
7 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates, OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring*
8 *appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*);
9 and 584-020-0040(4)(p) (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure*
10 *or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to requests for information,*
11 *to furnish documents or to participate in interviews with a Commission representative*
12 *relating to a Commission investigation*).
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14 The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
15 ORS 342.175.
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17 **FINAL ORDER**

18 The Commission accepts the surrender of Lawrence Victor Basch’s Oregon
19 educator license and hereby revokes Lawrence Victor Basch’s Oregon educator license.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 9th day of August, 2018.

21 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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23 By: Anthony J. Rosilez
24 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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27 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**
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29 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
30 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
31 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
32 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.