1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4 5 6 7 8	In the Matter of the ) DEFAULT ORDER OF Educator License of ) REVOCATION OF LAWRENCE VICTOR BASCH ) EDUCATOR LICENSE
9	On April 30, 2018, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Lawrence Victor Basch
11	(Basch) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice
12	was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7017 0190 0000 6246
13	9310 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission
14	file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail was
15	returned to the Commission as "Unclaimed". The regular first class mail was not
16	returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of
17	Hearing, dated April 30, 2018, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director,
18	stated:
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	"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."
27	Basch did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Basch to be in default
28	and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on
29	the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
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31	FINDINGS OF FACT
32	1. Lawrence Victor Basch has been licensed by the Commission since January 11, 2016.
33	Basch's Restricted Substitute Teaching License, with an endorsement in Substitute
34	Any Specialty (PP -12), is valid from February 21, 2017, through June 30, 2020.
35	During all relevant times, Basch was employed by the South Coast Education Service
36	District (SCESD).
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- 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
- students. The alleged conduct occurred at both the Sunset School and Blossom Gulch
- School and involved multiple students. Student TF reported that Basch made her feel
- uncomfortable when Basch touched her back and bra strap. TF also complained that
- she was made to feel very uncomfortable when Basch discussed the possibility of
- seeing her sometime at a local swimming pool. Student AP reported that Basch
- kissed her on the forehead. Student ZW's parent reported to the administration that
- Basch had kissed ZW on her cheek after she accidently kicked him while she was on
- the swing set. When interviewed, ZW also reported that Basch had kissed another
- student (AB) on the cheek. AB reported that Basch touched her lower back and
- under the back of her pants and that she and ZW had sat on Basch's lap while
- reading a book in a big chair.

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

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- 26 4. On January 5, 2018, a commission investigator mailed Basch a letter requesting his
- participation in an interview as required by rule. On January 12, 2018, Basch advised
- 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
- 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
- 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)(0) 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 _ Gth _ day of August, 2018.
21	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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23	By: Anthony J. Rosiles
24	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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29 30	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
31	SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
32	ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.