BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the	
Teaching License of	DEFAULT ORDER
JO ANN MICHELLE ALLEN	SUSPENDING LICENSE

On or about February 26, 2001, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission received a complaint from North Clackamas School District, indicating that JoAnn Michelle Allen had violated her contract by failing to provide 60 days' written notice prior to resignation. Under OAR 584-050-0020, the Commission informs the educator of intent to suspend the license on the basis of such complaints. The Executive Director took action to notify JoAnn Michelle Allen of intent to suspend her license, and to inform her of her opportunity for hearing by letter dated March 2, 2001. The letter was sent by Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested #7000 0600 0023 8497 0248. The receipt was signed by JoAnn Michelle Allen on March 7, 2001, and returned to TSPC on March 8, 2001. JoAnn Michelle Allen did not request a hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about July 21, 2000, JoAnn Michelle Allen signed a contract with the North Clackamas School District for the 2000-2001 School year.

2. On December 15, 2000, JoAnn Michelle Allen submitted a letter of resignation and gave the North Clackamas School District two-week notice of intent to resign from her position as Distance Learning Instructor for the Health Services Program. Allen submitted her resignation on the last day of school prior to winter break stating she would be employed elsewhere on January 2, 2001.

3. Meeting in regular session on February 15, 2001, the North Clackamas School District Board of Directors took action to seek a suspension of JoAnn Michelle Allen's Teaching license for the balance of the 2000-01 school year.

4. The North Clackamas School District informed TSPC of this action in a letter dated February 22, 2001, requesting the suspension of JoAnn Michelle Allen's Teaching license.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

JoAnn Michelle Allen signed an employment contract with the North Clackamas School District on or about July 21, 2000. JoAnn Michelle Allen submitted a letter of resignation, dated December 15, 2000, and effective January 2, 2001.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

ORS 342.553 requires the suspension of a license for the balance of the school year for failure to provide 60 days' notice prior to resignation. If the charge of the contract violation is proven, and justification for the contract violation is not satisfactory, the Commission is required to suspend the license for the remainder of the school year. The Commission's decision is final.

ORDER

The Commission suspends the Oregon Teaching License #301049, issued to JoAnn Michelle Allen, DOB 11-15-67, SSN 542-08-0487, for violation of contract by resignation without providing 60 days' written notice.

Dated this _____11th_____ day of May 2001.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By _____
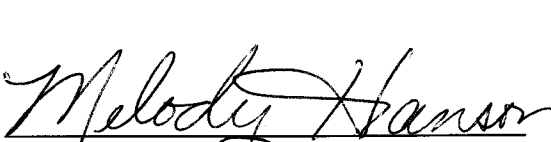David V. Myton, Executive Director

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ACTION OF THE COMMISSION TO SUSPEND LICENSES FOR CONTRACT VIOLATIONS UNDER ORS 342.553 ARE FINAL AND MAY NOT BE APPEALED.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me as such by regular U.S. First Class Mail and by U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested to:

> JoAnn Michelle Allen
> 15152 SE John Ashley Drive
> Clackamas OR 97015

Dated this _____18th_____ day of May 2001.

By: _____
Melody Hanson
Executive Assistant to the Commission

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