1	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION		
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON		
3	DONALD W. PEERSON	TIPULATION OF FACTS, REPRIMAND AND ORDER	
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6	On or about May 15, 1998, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission		
7	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for hearing to Donald W. Peerson (Peerson) in		
8	which the Commission proposed to suspend or revoke his Oregon Teaching License or to impose		
9	other discipline under ORS 342.177. The Commis	sion's action was based on allegations that	
10	Peerson engaged in inappropriate verbal comments, had an overly personal relationship with a		
11	student and had made false statements.		
12	The Commission and Peerson have now more fully reviewed the matters and have agreed		
13	to the below described stipulation. A decision to compromise and settle this matter is in the		
14	parties mutual interest and in the public interest. In entering this stipulation, Peerson waives his		
15	right to a hearing. This agreement sets forth the facts Peerson will not contest, including the		
16	Commission Order of a Public Reprimand.		
17	STIPULTION OF FACTS		
18	3 1. On occasions and in the presence of	students Peerson used inappropriate language	
19	including slang and profanity. School District Administration put him on written notice of		
20	communication expectations in January and Februa	ry 1997.	
21	2. The district received a complaint on	• •	
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1	3.	Peerson resigned on June 20, 1997, after the Superintendent advised nim of the	
2	complaint.		
3	4.	Peerson made a false statement on or about June 30, 1997, on his application for	
4	renewal of lie	censure regarding his resignation from Vernonia High School when he denied his	
5	resignation w	vas related to a possible investigation of misconduct.	
6	5.	Peerson made the statement on the application with the belief the statement was	
7	more true tha	an false. Peerson had this belief because he had already planned to resign and for	
8	the further reason that he believed the Superintendent was not going to conduct an investigation		
9	if Peerson re	signed.	
10	6.	Peerson now admits that the statement on the application contained false elements	
11	and he recognizes he should have made a disclosure to TSPC and included an explanation.		
12	Peerson enters into this Stipulation of Facts with knowledge that the Commission will		
13	issue a public	c reprimand. This Stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order	
14	by the Comn	nission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Peerson nor the	
15	Commission are bound by these stipulations and Peerson retains all rights to a hearing on the		
16	allegations.		
17	IT IS SO ST	IPULATED:	
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19	Donald W. F	Peerson Date	
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22	•	yton, Executive Director Date	
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1	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW		
2	Under ORS 342.175 Peerson violated OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b); 0035(3)(a); 0040(4)(c)		
3	when he made inappropriate verbal comments in the presence of students and made a false		
4	statement on his application for license renewal.		
5	ORDER		
6	The Commission adopts the above Findings of Fact and reprimands Peerson for his		
7	inappropriate verbal comments and false statement as described above. Peerson will be placed		
8	on probation for a period of two years from the date of this order pursuant to ORS 342.177(3)(b).		
9	The terms of probation are: 1. Peerson will comply with the standards for ethical and competen		
10	performance of Oregon educators under OAR 584 Division 20. 2. Peerson shall participate in		
11	and complete a training, acceptable to the Executive Director, on sexual harassment.		
12	DATED this 24 day of Norale 1998.		
13	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION		
14	By: David V. Myton, Executive Director		
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16	APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
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18	Jenny J. May lan 11/9/98		
19	Henry J. Kaplan Attorney for Donald W. Peerson		
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22	Gary M. Cordy Attorney for TSPC Date		
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