1	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION			
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON			
3 4 5 6 7	In the Matter of the)STIPULATION OF FACTS ANDEducator License of)FINAL ORDER OFCHRISTOPHER A. NEWELL)PUBLIC REPRIMAND			
6 7	On December 11, 2017, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission			
8	(Commission) received a report from the Springfield School District (SSD), indicating			
9	possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Christopher A. Newell			
10	(Newell).			
11	After review of the matters alleged, Newell and the Commission agree that their			
12	respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to			
13	certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand.			
14	This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the			
15	sanction to be imposed. Newell stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the			
16	Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set			
17	forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Newell waives the right to a hearing to			
18	contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.			
19	By signing below, Newell acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to			
20	the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest			
21	the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally			
22	waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation $\acute{ ext{off}}$			
23	Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this			
24	Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon			
25	request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and			
26	subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not			
27	approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Newell nor the			
28	Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and			
29	Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or			
30	duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of			
31	the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has			
32	been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has			
33	consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully			
34	advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an			

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1	attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of		
2	the Sti	pulated Final Order below.	
3		STIPULATION OF FACTS	
4	1.	The Commission has licensed Newell since July 7, 2004. Newell holds a	
5		Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Special Education-	
6		Generalist (PK-12), valid from July 7, 2018 through July 6, 2023. During all	
7		relevant times, Newell was employed by the Springfield School District (SSD).	
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9	2.	On December 11, 2017, the Commission received a School District Misconduct	
10		Report from SSD indicating Newell may have committed an act of gross neglect	
11		of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, that Newell had forged signatures on	
12		IEP paperwork.	
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14	3.	Investigation determined Newell forged other educators' signatures on five	
15		students' IEP paperwork from September 5, 2017 through October 10, 2017, in	
16		violation of district policy and IEP rules. Newell was forthright and honest about	
17		his actions, explaining that due to changes in Newell's responsibilities, he had	
18		regrettably cut corners to meet deadlines. A review of the building's process was	
19		conducted and improvements have been made to prevent future issues. SSD	
20		determined Newell's conduct violated SPED rules and district policy and	
21		disciplined Newell locally. Review of Newell's performance since the misconduct	
22		indicates significant improvement and no continuing issues.	
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25	IT IS S	OSTIGULATED: (
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27	Christe	opher A. Newell Date	
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30 31		Danowski, Deputy Director Date er Standards and Practices Commission	
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33		CONCLUSION OF LAW	
34 35	0 4 0 1 7	The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS $5(1)(b)$; OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use	
00	342.1/	5(1)(0), Or $504-020-0040(4)(1)$ as it incorporates OAK $504-020-0010(5)$ (Use	

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1	professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(c) (Using and maintaining student
2	records as required by federal and state law and district policies and procedures), OAR
3	584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations); and
4	OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation
5	directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties).
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7	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
8	ORS 342.175.
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10	ORDER
11	The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
12	conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Christopher A.
13	Newell's Oregon educator license.
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15	Issued and dated this $\underline{19}$ day of June, 2019.
16	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
17	STATE OF OREGON
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19	By Ange
20	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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