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9 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
10 342.175.

11 **FINAL ORDER**

12 The Commission hereby revokes Tamera Jean Kronberg's Oregon educator license.
13 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 4th day of October, 2016.

14 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

15 By: Monica Beane
16 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director

17 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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22 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE
23 PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing notice of final order, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

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Colton, OR 97017-0423

Dated this 4th day of October, 2016.

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