BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 4 5	In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS, Teaching License of) ORDER OF REPRIMAND William Mark Stringer) AND PROBATION
6	On or about October 27, 2003, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
.7	(Commission) received a report from Dennis Carter, Superintendent, Ontario School District,
8	indicating that William Mark Stringer (Stringer) reported to Parent Teacher Conferences on
9	September 25, 2003, after consuming alcohol.
10	After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Stringer and the Commission agree that their
11.	respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
12	facts, the imposition of a Public Reprimand and a four (4) year probation. This Order sets forth
13	the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Mr. Stringer
14	stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to
3	support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this
16	stipulation, Mr. Stringer waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusion of
17	law and order set forth below. Mr. Stringer understands that the probation will be subject to
18	specific conditions.
19	STIPULATION OF FACTS
20	1. The Commission has licensed William Mark Stringer since July 1, 1976.
21	Mr. Stringer holds a Standard Teaching License valid November 1, 2004, through October 31,
22	2009, with endorsements in Standard Social Studies and Basic Language Arts.
23	2. Mr. Stringer is employed by the Ontario School District and has been since 1988.
24	There are no prior complaints or issues in his personnel file.
25	3. On September 25, 2003, a parent reported that Mr. Stringer smelled of alcohol
26	during Parent Teacher Conferences at Ontario High School. Mr. Stringer admitted that he

consumed alcohol prior to reporting for duty, as a teacher, at Parent Teacher Conferences held on school property. 3 4. On June 11, 2005, Mr. Stringer completed an eight-hour alcohol education class as 4 recommended by an alcohol evaluator. 5 5. Mr. Stringer recognizes that he has a problem with alcohol. 6 William Mark Stringer, enters into this Stipulation of Facts with the knowledge that the 7 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall place him on probation for a period of four 8 (4) years. This Stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the full 9 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Stringer nor the 10 Commission are bound by these stipulations and Mr. Stringer retains the right to a hearing on 11 the allegations. 12 IT IS SO STIPULATED: 13 15 16 ictoria Chamberlain, Executive Director 17 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 18 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 19 William Mark Stringer violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g) on September 25, 2003, when 20 he appeared on duty, for Parent Teacher Conferences, at Ontario High School under the 21 influence of alcohol. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission's 22 authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175. 23 **ORDER** 24 The Commission adopts the above stipulation of facts and imposes a Public Reprimand 25 upon Mr. Stringer. This Stipulation of Facts, Order and Probation constitutes the Reprimand. 26 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a four (4) year probation upon Mr. Stringer.

	wii. Stringer shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance
2	under Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 584, Division 020.
3	Violation of the terms of this probation may constitute an independent basis for the
4	Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Mr. Stringer's teaching
5	license subject to Mr. Stringer's right to a hearing on the issue of whether he violated probation.
6	IT IS SO ORDERED this day of August, 2005.
7	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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9	By I William Chamberlain
10	Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
11	Approved as to form:
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13	Ralph E. Wiser, OSB #81423
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