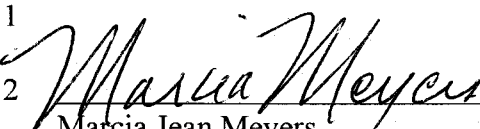
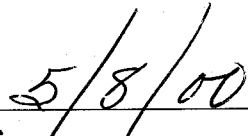


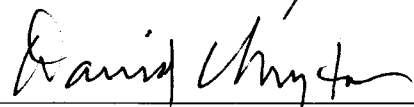
1 were not sterilized after use. Meyers took no precautions to protect the students from potential
2 exposure to blood-borne pathogens.

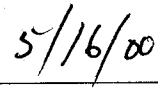
3 3. The District had provided some training to teachers in procedures to avoid
4 potential exposure to blood-borne pathogens. Ms. Meyers acknowledged that she had attended
5 at least one of these training sessions some time in the past five years, but she was unable to
6 attend the training in the 1998-99 school year because it was held while she was teaching
7 outdoor school.

8 4. Following this incident, the school placed Ms. Meyers on paid administrative
9 leave, and she resigned her position with the district on July 16, 1999. She has not been
10 employed as a teacher since that date.

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13 Marcia Jean Meyers


Date

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15 David V. Myton
16 Executive Director
17 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission


Date

18 CONCLUSION OF LAW

19 Marcia Jean Meyers violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) and 584-020-0010(5) by her
20 actions which allowed students to be exposed to a potential risk of blood-borne pathogen
21 transmission.

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1 **DISCUSSION**

2 Ms. Meyers' choice in allowing the students to proceed with a science unit on
3 microscopes in the manner in which she did demonstrated extremely poor judgment. It placed
4 her students at risk for exposure to serious disease. Her actions could also have placed the
5 district at substantial liability. She does not dispute the facts as set forth above. She notes that
6 she had never before been assigned to teach a lab class and had not taught any science class for
7 several years. She has lost her position as a result of her actions.

8 The Commission views a repeat violation as highly unlikely and therefore, does not
9 consider probation necessary. In this case, a period of suspension is warranted. But because
10 Ms. Meyers resigned her position in July 1999 and has not been engaged in teaching since that
11 time, the Commission will impose a retroactive suspension that is effective from January 15,
12 2000.

13 **ORDER**

14 The Oregon Teaching License of Marcia Jean Meyer shall be suspended for a period of
15 six months retroactive from January 15, 2000 to June 14, 2000.

16 DATED this 24th day of May 2000.

17 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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19 By: David V. Myton
David V. Myton, Executive Director

20 Approved as to form:

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22 Elizabeth Joffe 5/10/00
Elizabeth Joffe, OSB #94024 Date
23 Of Attorneys for Marcia Jean Meyers