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BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the )        STIPULATION OF FACTS,  
Teaching License of )        SURRENDER AND  
DAWN EDEN FRONTJES )        ORDER OF REVOCATION

On March 3, 2003, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from Maureen R. Sloane, Human Resources Counsel, Portland Public Schools, indicating that Dawn Eden Frontjes (Frontjes), also known as Dawn Martin, may have violated Standards by having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

After review of the matters alleged, Ms. Frontjes and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and surrender of her teaching license as per OAR 584-050-0027.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Ms. Frontjes stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Ms. Frontjes waives the right to a hearing to contest the finding of fact, conclusion of law and order set forth below. Ms. Frontjes understands that the Commission will revoke her teaching license.

This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Ms. Frontjes nor the Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Ms. Frontjes retains all rights to a hearing on the allegations.

**STIPULATION OF FACTS**

1. The Commission issued an Initial Teaching License to Ms. Frontjes on September 4, 2001, valid until June 9, 2005, with an Art Endorsement.

1           2. On September 27, 2000, Portland Public Schools hired Frontjes to serve on contract  
2 as an art teacher at Franklin High School for the 2000-2001 school year. On January 24, 2001,  
3 Frontjes resigned her contract position, citing personal reasons.

4           3. On July 19, 2001, Frontjes signed and submitted an application for an Initial Teaching  
5 License (she held a Transitional License). The Commission received the application on July 30,  
6 2001. Frontjes responded "no" to all character questions including question 3, "Have you ever  
7 failed to complete a contract for educational services in any educational or school-related  
8 position...?"

9           4. On May 14, 2002, Ms. Frontjes appeared on duty to serve as a substitute teacher at  
10 Lincoln High School while under the influence of alcohol. Ms. Frontjes was then excluded from  
11 service as a substitute teacher in the building. On May 22, 2002, Ms. Frontjes signed a last  
12 chance agreement with Portland Public Schools requiring treatment for chemical dependency.

13           5. Ms. Frontjes completed all treatment recommendations at Cascade Centers on  
14 January 10, 2003.


15           6. During the 2001-2002 school year Ms. Frontjes visited JS, on criminal probation, at a  
16 group home where he lived. Ms. Frontjes had JS at her home to do yard work and allowed JS  
17 to spend the night in her home on multiple occasions in violation of his criminal probation  
18 requiring him to return to the group home.

19           7. While serving as a substitute teacher at Marshall High School on or about  
20 February 14, 2003, Ms. Frontjes wrote an inappropriate note to JS encouraging him to  
21 telephone her and asked another student to deliver it to JS as a favor.

22 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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24 Dawn Eden Frontjes

  
Date

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26 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
27 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

6-17-04  
Date

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2 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

3 Dawn Eden Frontjes made a false statement on her application for licensure in violation  
4 of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) regarding failure to complete her 2000-2001 teaching contract for  
5 Portland Public Schools. Ms. Frontjes appeared on duty while under the influence of alcohol in  
6 violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g). Ms. Frontjes failed to maintain an appropriate  
7 professional student-teacher relationship with, JS, a male student in violation of OAR 584-020-  
8 0035(1)(c). This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission's authority to  
9 impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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1 ORDER

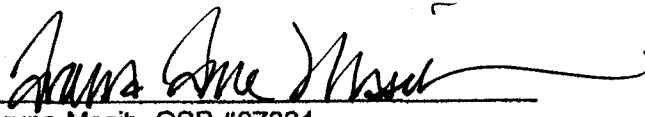
2 The Commission accepts the surrender of Dawn Eden Frontjes' Initial Teaching License and  
3 hereby revokes the Oregon Teaching License issued to Dawn Eden Frontjes.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

5 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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7 By:   
8 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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10 Approved as to form:

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13 Aruna Masih, OSB #97324  
14 Attorney for Dawn Eden Frontjes  
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