## BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON
3 4 5	In the Matter of the ) STIPULATION OF FACTS Licensure of ) AND RON GERARD ) FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND
6	On October 14, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
7	received a report from Maureen R. Sloane, Human Resources Counsel, Portland Public
8	Schools indicating that Ron Gerard (Gerard), may have violated the standards by offering to
9	give a student a better grade if she would write a letter supporting him.
10	After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Gerard and the Commission agree that their
11	respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
12	facts and a public reprimand.
13	This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the
14	stipulated sanction to be imposed. Mr. Gerard stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the
3	Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set
16	forth below.
17	By signing below, Mr. Gerard acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
18	following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the
19	findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all
20	such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final
21	Order of Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public
22	document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and
23	Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the
24	Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Mr.
25	Gerard nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation
<u>2</u> 6	and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress,

enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated

1	Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or representation has been made to induce
2	him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney
3	regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights
4	thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this
5	Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.
6	STIPULATION OF FACTS
7	1. Mr. Gerard has been licensed by the Commission since February 21, 1975.
8	Mr. Gerard holds a Standard Teaching License issued November 27, 2006, valid through
9	November 26, 2011, with a Standard Social Studies Endorsement.
10	2. Mr. Gerard began employment with Portland Public Schools in 1991.
11	3. On or about June 2, 2005, at Grant High School, Mr. Gerard encouraged a student to
12	write a letter to the principal from her home address that reflected favorably on him, giving her
13	details of what to put in it and suggesting that she send a copy to school board members.
4	IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO:
15 16	Ron Gerard  Pon Gerard  Date  2-23-07
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18 19	Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director Date Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
20	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
21	Ron Gerard violated OAR 584-020-0035(b) by exploiting his professional relationship
22	with a student in support of personal at Grant High School. This misconduct constitutes Gross
23	Neglect of Duty. The Commission has the authority to impose discipline in this matter under
24	ORS 342.120 through 342.430 and OAR Chapter 584.
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**ORDER** The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact, conclusions of law and imposes a Public Reprimand upon the licensure of Ron Gerard. This 3 4 order shall serve as the Public Reprimand. Issued and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2007. 5 6 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 7 STATE OF OREGON 8 9 amberlain, Executive Director 10 11 Approved as to form: 12 13 14 Attorney for Ron Gerard 15 [021507]