

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

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS,
4 Teaching License of) SURRENDER AND
5 ISAAC D. BRIGHT) ORDER OF REVOCATION

6 On or about December 9, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
7 (Commission) received a report from John Lahley, Superintendent, Sutherlin School District,
8 indicating that Isaac D. Bright (Bright) may have engaged in inappropriate conduct with a minor.

9 Mr. Bright has fully cooperated with the TSPC investigation. After review of the matters
10 alleged, Mr. Bright and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the
11 public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a surrender of his teaching
12 license pursuant to OAR 584-020-0027.

13 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have stipulated and the sanction to
14 be imposed. Mr. Bright stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's
15 files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In
16 entering into this stipulation, Mr. Bright waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of
17 fact, conclusions of law and Order set forth below. Mr. Bright understands that upon surrender
18 the Commission will revoke his teaching license.

19 This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
20 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Bright nor the
21 Commission are bound by these stipulations and Mr. Bright retains all rights to a hearing on the
22 allegations.

23 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

24 1. Mr. Bright holds a Restricted Transitional Teaching License with a Health Education
25 Endorsement, issued September 8, 2004, valid through September 8, 2007.

26 2. Mr. Bright began employment with the Sutherlin School District on August 26, 2004.
Mr. Bright served as a Health Teacher at Sutherlin High School. On December 5, 2005,

1 Mr. Bright resigned his teaching position citing both personal and professional reasons.

2 3. Mr. Bright failed to maintain an appropriate professional student-teacher relationship
3 with a female student at Sutherlin High School during the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school
4 years. Mr. Bright allowed the female student to visit his home. Mr. Bright and the female
5 student engaged in personal telephone conversations. Mr. Bright engaged in overly
6 personal/romantic email communications with the female student.

7 4. On September 12, 2005, Principal Marty Gary directed Mr. Bright never to allow a
8 student to enter his home unless accompanied by a parent and to communicate clear
9 boundaries with students. Mr. Bright continued to engage in inappropriate personal
10 communication with the female student.

11 5. The Commission has not received a complaint of inappropriate physical contact
12 between Mr. Bright and a student.

13 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

14 *Isaac D. Bright*
15 Isaac D. Bright

7/6/06
Date

16 *Victoria Chamberlain*
17 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
18 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

7-17-06
Date

19 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

20 Isaac D. Bright failed to maintain a professional student-teacher relationship with a
21 female student at Sutherlin High School during the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.
22 This constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates
23 OAR 584-020-0035(1) (c). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is
24 based upon ORS 342.175.

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ORDER


The Commission accepts the surrender of Isaac D. Bright's Restricted Teaching License and hereby revokes said license.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 4 day of August, 2006.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

Approved as to form:


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