

Riedstra, Roland Melchior - Consent Resolution Agreement

admitted to professional misconduct. Mr. Riedstra was employed as a secondary school teacher when a report was made by a female grade 12 student (who was a peer tutor in Mr. Riedstra's dance class) that Mr. Riedstra had been sending her inappropriate text messages for a period of time. The district investigation determined that between February to May 2009, Mr. Riedstra texted the student several times. The messages were innocuous at first, but became increasingly suggestive. For example, in discussing the possible failure of the student in his class, Mr. Riedstra said, "No, I wouldn't fail you. I might fail you if you don't date me." On another occasion, after the student had brushed past Mr. Riedstra at school, Mr. Riedstra texted, "I got a good smell of you this morning and could feel your body through the fabric." Later that day, Mr. Riedstra sent the student a lengthy sexually explicit and graphic text message describing in detail specific sexual acts that would occur if they were to meet in his classroom in the evening. For example, he suggested that she wear a skirt because it would be easier to take off, that he would bend her over the counter and come at her from behind, and that she could "go down on [her] knees" and "finish [him] off." The student then changed her cell phone number and the texts ceased. During the district investigation, Mr. Riedstra admitted that he sent these and other text messages. On March 30, 2011, the Preliminary Investigation Sub-Committee approved the Consent Resolution Agreement in which Mr. Riedstra agreed to the immediate cancellation of his College certificate of qualification.