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was employed as an elementary school teacher from 1979 until 2008. He taught as a teacher-on-call and later as a full-time teacher with the school district. In May 2008, Mr. Semchuk was charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with touching for a sexual purpose contrary to section 151 and sexual assault contrary to sections 246.1 and 271(1) respectively. As a result of the charges pertaining to female students, it was determined in August 2010 that Mr. Semchuk presented a risk of sexual abuse to children, pursuant to section 4 of the Criminal Records Review Act. In July 2011, Mr. Semchuk was convicted of one count of sexual assault for a 1986 offence by the BC Supreme Court. In October 2011, the Court imposed a suspended sentence, followed by a two-year probationary period, a 10-year firearm prohibition, and a mandatory \$100 victim surcharge. Further, the Court ordered that Mr. Semchuk provide a DNA sample, have no contact with specified former students and their families, and no contact with females under age 16 except with written parental consent. In addition, the Court ordered that Mr. Semchuk be registered on the sex offender identification registry for 20 years and imposed a publication ban pursuant to section 486.4(2) of the Criminal Code. On December 29, 2011, the Conduct Review Sub-Committee accepted the Statement of Agreed Facts and Disposition wherein Mr. Semchuk agreed to relinquish his teaching certificate and to not reapply for a certificate of qualification in the future.