



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
TEACHER REGULATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE *TEACHERS ACT*, SBC 2011 c. 19

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING  
GRAHAM CHRISTOPHER BOWERING



CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE COMMISSIONER, APPOINTED UNDER THE *TEACHERS ACT*  
(the “Commissioner”)

AND:

GRAHAM CHRISTOPHER BOWERING  
(“Bowering”)

#### BACKGROUND and FACTS

1. Bowering held a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, [REDACTED]. It was issued by the B.C. College of Teachers under the *Teaching Profession Act* on May 11, 2006, was valid from May 1, 2006, and was continued under the *Teachers Act* as of January 9, 2012.
2. Bowering’s certificate of qualification was cancelled on January 28, 2022, for non-compliance with section 17 of the *Criminal Records Review Act*.
3. At all material times, Bowering was employed as an elementary school teacher by School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) (the “District”) at a school in the District (the “School”).
4. On June 23, 2021, the Commissioner reviewed information that Bowering had been charged with possession of child pornography, following an investigation by the Sunshine Coast RCMP. Based on this information, the Commissioner initiated an investigation under section 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act*. This matter was designated “Case 01”.

5. On July 5, 2021, Bowering signed an undertaking not to practice.
6. On February 3, 2022, the Commissioner received a report from the District that Bowering had pleaded guilty to the Charge. This report was designated "Case 02". On February 10, 2022, the Commissioner ordered an investigation of this matter and that Case 02 be combined with Case 01.
7. Between 2020 and 2023, the following events occurred:
  - a. In August 2020, police were notified that an electronic service provider account user within their jurisdiction had child pornography in their possession.
  - b. On February 28, 2021, the RCMP executed a search warrant on Bowering's residence (the "Search") following an investigation into suspected child pornography offences. The RCMP seized videos, images, and writing that police determined were consistent with child pornography.
  - c. Bowering did not inform the School of the Search and continued teaching until March 12, 2021, when Spring Break began. He was subsequently arrested on March 15, 2021.
  - d. On February 2, 2022, Bowering pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography between May 12, 2014 and February 28, 2021, contrary to section 163.1(4) of the *Criminal Code* (the "Charge").
  - e. On January 31, 2023, Bowering was sentenced to a 10-month conditional sentence, followed by two years' probation. Both orders included a prohibition on Bowering being alone with anyone under the age of 16. Bowering was also subject to ancillary orders, including a DNA order and inclusion on the National Sex Offender Registry.
8. On March 29, 2021, Bowering began a leave of absence from the District.
9. On February 15, 2022, the District disciplined Bowering by terminating him.
10. On March 21, 2023, the Commissioner considered this matter and determined to propose a consent resolution agreement to Bowering, in accordance with section 53(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.

## CONSEQUENCES

11. This Agreement is made under section 53 and section 43 of the *Teachers Act*.

12. Bowering understands and acknowledges that this Agreement is not effective until executed by the Commissioner, and that the date of execution by the Commissioner will be the effective date of this Agreement (the “Effective Date”).
13. Bowering admits that the facts set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 of this Agreement are true.
14. Bowering admits that the conduct described in paragraph 7 of this Agreement constitutes professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming, and is contrary to the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 2019.
15. Bowering agrees that he will not apply for, and understands the Director of Certification (the “Director”) will be required not to issue to him, a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or any other authorization to teach in the kindergarten to grade 12 education system under section 64(g) of the *Teachers Act*, or any successor legislation.
16. In determining that a lifetime ban on reapplication and reissuance is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
  - a. the conduct was on the serious end of the spectrum; and
  - b. Bowering failed to act ethically and undermined the credibility of the teaching profession by violating laws that protect children from sexual exploitation.
17. Bowering agrees not to make any statement orally or in writing which contradicts, disputes or calls into question the terms of this Agreement or the admissions made in it.

#### **EFFECT OF THE AGREEMENT**

18. The Director of Certification will record the terms of this Agreement on the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s online registry under section 79(d) of the *Teachers Act*.
19. Bowering acknowledges that this Agreement will be published in accordance with section 54 of the *Teachers Act*, which includes posting the Agreement, in full, on the following website: [www.teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca](http://www.teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca).
20. Bowering acknowledges that he has voluntarily entered into this Agreement after being

advised of his right to obtain independent legal advice, and that he fully understands the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

Signed in Gibson, B.C.  
this 29 day of February, 2024



Graham Christopher Bowering

Signed in Coquitlam, B.C.  
this 5th day of March, 2024

Handwritten signature of Ana R. Mohammed in cursive script.

Ana R. Mohammed, Commissioner