BRITISH COLUMBIA
COMMISSIONER FOR
TEACHER REGULATION

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

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING

DARRELL CHRISTOPHER GILKES

[redacted]

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE COMMISSIONER, APPOINTED UNDER THE *TEACHERS ACT*

(the "Commissioner")

AND:

DARRELL CHRISTOPHER GILKES

("Gilkes")

BACKGROUND and FACTS

1. Gilkes held a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No. [redacted]. It was issued by the Director of Certification (the "Director") under the *Teachers Act* on August 31, 2022, and was valid from that day.

2. On June 11, 2024, Gilkes' certificate of qualification was suspended under the provisions of the *Criminal Records Review Act*. On November 1, 2024, Gilkes' certificate of qualification was cancelled for non-payment of fees.

3. At all material times, Gilkes was employed as a teacher teaching on call by School District No. 68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith) (the "District").

4. On June 23, 2023, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding Gilkes, under section 16 of the *School Act*, advising that Gilkes had been arrested on June 21, 2023, for possession and distribution of child pornography. This has been designated Matter 01.

5. On June 23, 2023, Gilkes signed an undertaking not to teach in any role or position requiring a Ministry of Education and Childcare certificate of qualification, independent school teaching certificate, or letter of permission, as defined in the *Teachers Act*.

6. On May 15, 2024, the Commissioner initiated an investigation into Gilkes' conduct under section 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* after learning that Gilkes had been charged with possession and distribution of child pornography contrary to sections 163.1(3) and 163.1(4) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. This has been designated Matter 02.

7. On June 26, 2024, the District made a second report to the Commissioner regarding Gilkes, under s.16 of the *School Act*, advising that Gilkes' employment with the District had been terminated. This has been designated Matter 03.

8. The following events occurred:

    a. On May 13, 2024, Gilkes was charged with indictable offenses as follows:

        i. Between December 4, 2022, and June 21, 2023, at or near Nanaimo BC, Gilkes committed an offence of transmitting, making available, distributing, selling, advertising, importing or exporting child pornography, contrary to section 163.1(3) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*; and

        ii. Between December 4, 2022, and June 21, 2023, at or near Nanaimo BC, Gilkes committed an offence of possessing child pornography, contrary to s.163.1(4) of the *Criminal Code of Canada.*

    b. On April 23, 2025, Gilkes pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography, contrary to s.163.1(4) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. On March 31, 2026, a judge of the BC Provincial Court sentenced Gilkes to one year in jail, followed by two years' probation. Gilkes was also subject to ancillary orders, including a DNA order, and a five-year prohibition under s.161 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. Gilkes was also ordered to comply with the *Sex Offender Information Act* for a term of twenty years.

    c. On March 31, 2026, Crown counsel stayed the charges brought under section 163.1(3) of the *Criminal Code of Canada.*

9. On June 22, 2023, the District placed Gilkes on an unpaid leave of absence and on June 14, 2024, the District terminated his employment.

10. On June 23, 2023, the Commissioner ordered an investigation of Matter 01 and on June 27, 2024, the Commissioner ordered an investigation of Matter 03. The Commissioner ordered both investigations under section 47(1) of the *Teachers Act*.

11. On June 27, 2023, the Commissioner combined Matters 01, 02 and 03.

12. On April 20, 2026, the Commissioner considered Matters 01, 02 and 03 and determined to propose a consent resolution agreement to Gilkes in respect of all three, in accordance with section 53(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.

CONSEQUENCES

13. This Agreement is made under section 53 of the *Teachers Act*.

14. Gilkes 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").

15. Gilkes admits that the facts set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 of this Agreement are true.

16. Gilkes admits that the conduct described in paragraph 8 of this Agreement constitutes conduct unbecoming and is contrary to Standard #2 of the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 2019.

17. Gilkes agrees that he will never apply for, and understands the Director will be required never 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.

18. In determining that a lifetime ban on reapplication and reissuance is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:

    a. Gilkes' possession of child pornography erodes public confidence in the teaching profession and the school system.

    b. By violating laws that protect minors from sexual exploitation, Gilkes failed to act ethically.

19. Gilkes 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

20. The Director will record the terms of this Agreement on the online registry of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, under section 79(d) of the *Teachers Act*.

21. Gilkes 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: https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca

22. Gilkes 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 MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.
this 14 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

[redacted]
Darrell Christopher Gilkes

Signed in New Westminster, B.C.
this 27th day of October, 2026.

Donnaree Nygard, Commissioner