



BRITISH COLUMBIA
COMMISSIONER FOR
TEACHER REGULATION

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

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING
WILLIAM MALLACHD KLASSEN



CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

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

AND:

WILLIAM MALLACHD KLASSEN
(“Klassen”)

BACKGROUND and FACTS

1. Klassen holds a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No. [REDACTED] issued by the Director of Certification (the “Director”) under the *Teachers Act* on March 20, 2024, and valid from that day.
2. At all material times, Klassen was employed as a vice principal and elementary school teacher by School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (the “District”) at a school in the District (the “School”).
3. On July 2, 2025, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding Klassen, under section 16 of the *School Act*.
4. On June 25, 2025, the following events occurred while Klassen was teaching a grade six and seven split class at the School:
 - a. Klassen took his class on an unplanned trip to a nearby park (the “Park”). Another

grade seven class and teacher also attended.

- b. The Park was approximately a 10-minute walk from the School.
 - c. One of the students in Klassen's class (the "Student") had an Individual Education Plan ("IEP"), that required one-to-one support from an Educational Assistant ("EA") and access to EA support during all instructional times.
 - d. Prior to leaving for the Park, Klassen advised the Student's EA that she was not required to attend the Park. The EA remained at the School.
 - e. The classes remained at the Park for approximately 25 minutes before walking back to the School.
 - f. When the classes left the Park, Klassen did not take attendance for his class and the Student was unintentionally left behind.
 - g. The Student walked back to the School unaccompanied and returned to Klassen's classroom approximately five minutes after the rest of the students.
 - h. The Student was not physically injured but was crying and visibly upset upon returning to the School.
 - i. After the Student returned, Klassen immediately informed the School's Principal of the incident, accepted responsibility for his conduct, informed the Student's parents of what had occurred, and apologized to both the Student and the parents.
- 5. On June 27, 2025, the District disciplined Klassen by issuing a letter of reprimand.
 - 6. On January 8, 2026, the Commissioner ordered an investigation under section 47(1) of the *Teachers Act*.
 - 7. On July 1, 2026, the Commissioner considered this matter and determined to propose a consent resolution agreement to Klassen, in accordance with section 53(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.

CONSEQUENCES

- 8. This Agreement is made under section 53 of the *Teachers Act*.
- 9. Klassen 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").

10. Klassen admits that the facts set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 of this Agreement are true.
11. Klassen admits that the conduct described in paragraph 4(f) of this Agreement constitutes professional misconduct and is contrary to Standard #1 of the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 2019.
12. Klassen agrees to a reprimand under sections 53 and 64(a) of the *Teachers Act*, which will take effect on the first business day following the Effective Date.
13. In determining that a reprimand is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
 - a. Klassen failed to take reasonable steps to ensure student safety, resulting in a child being left alone at a park and exposed to a significant safety risk.
 - b. Klassen immediately accepted responsibility and acknowledged the seriousness of his conduct.
14. Klassen 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

15. 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*.
16. Klassen 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>
17. A breach by Klassen of any term in this Agreement may constitute professional misconduct which may be the subject of separate discipline proceedings.
18. Klassen acknowledges and understands that if the Commissioner has reason to believe that he has breached any term of this Agreement:
 - a. the Commissioner may initiate an investigation under section 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* into his conduct; and
 - b. the conduct and matters described in the “Background and Facts” to this Agreement are admissible in that inquiry as proof that Klassen has admitted to the conduct and matters set out in this Agreement.
19. Klassen 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 CRESTON, B.C.
this 24 day of AUGUST, 2026.



William Mallachd Klassen

Signed in New Westminster, B.C.
this 1st day of September, 2026.



Donnaree Nygard, Commissioner