

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

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING ISABELLA MARIE CAROLINE PINA GIOVANNA MIRON PIAZZA

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE COMMISSIONER, APPOINTED UNDER THE TEACHERS ACT (the "Commissioner")

AND:

ISABELLA MARIE CAROLINE PINA GIOVANNA MIRON PIAZZA ("Miron Piazza")

BACKGROUND and FACTS

- Miron Piazza held a Basic Certificate of Qualification, No.
 It was issued by the Director of Certification (the "Director") under the *Teachers Act* on October 17, 2016 and was valid from October 17, 2016.
- Miron Piazza holds a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No.
 It was issued by the Director under the *Teachers Act* on November 21, 2016 and is valid from November 21, 2016.
- At all material times, Miron Piazza was employed as an elementary school teacher by School District No. 60 (Peace River North) (the "District") at a school in the District (the "School").
- On July 7, 2020, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding Miron Piazza, under section 16 of the School Act.

- 5. The following events occurred in June 2020 during the School day:
 - a. On June 17, 2020, Miron Piazza drove four Grade 6 students in her car to a Subway restaurant to pick up treats.
 - b. On June 18, 2020, Miron Piazza drove five Grade 6 students in her car to a local restaurant to pick up treats. As the car only seated three people in the back, not all students were wearing their seatbelts. Miron Piazza told the students it would be fine as long as nobody saw and told one of the students to duck. When they returned to the School, Miron Piazza told the students not to mention their outing to anyone.
 - c. On June 24, 2020, Miron Piazza walked to Canadian Tire with five of her Grade 6 students where she picked up her car. She then drove with the students to two different restaurants to pick up treats before returning to the School. As there were not enough seatbelts in the backseat for four students, Miron Piazza told them that they would have to duck if they saw a police officer. When they returned to the School, Piazza Miron told the students that their outing was a secret and that they should not tell anyone.
 - d. Miron Piazza drove the students in her vehicle on these dates in breach of School policy by:
 - failing to tell School administrators that she was taking students off School property;
 - failing to obtain permission from School administrators to take students off School property and to drive them in her car; and
 - iii. failing to inform the students' parents and obtain their consent.
 - e. Miron Piazza was in breach of the Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c.318 by failing to ensure that each of her passengers was wearing a seatbelt.
 - f. Miron Piazza also failed to follow social distancing guidelines established by the Provincial Health Officer in response to the Covid-19 pandemic when she allowed a number of students to ride in her car.
- On July 6, 2020, the District issued Miron Piazza a letter of discipline and suspended her
 for three days without pay. Miron Piazza will serve the suspension on September 8, 9 and
 10, 2020.
- On July 24, 2020, the Commissioner considered this matter and determined to propose a

consent resolution agreement to Miron Piazza, in accordance with section 53(1)(a) of the Teachers Act.

CONSEQUENCES

- 8. This Agreement is made under section 53 of the Teachers Act.
- Miron Piazza 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. Miron Piazza admits that the facts set out in paragraphs 1 to 6 of this Agreement are true.
- 11. Miron Piazza admits that the conduct described in paragraph 5 of this Agreement constitutes professional misconduct and is contrary to Standard #1 of the Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia, Fourth Edition, January 2012.
- Miron Piazza agrees to a one-day suspension of her certificate of qualification under sections 53 and 64(b) of the *Teachers Act*. Miron Piazza will serve the suspension on November 9, 2020.
- 13. In determining that a one-day suspension is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factor:
 - Miron Piazza failed to model appropriate behavior expected of an educator.
- Miron Piazza 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 Ministry of Education's online registry under section 79(d) of the *Teachers Act*.
- 16. Miron Piazza 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.
- Notification of this Agreement will be made in accordance with section 55 of the Teachers Act.
- 18. A breach by Miron Piazza of any term in this Agreement may constitute professional misconduct which may be the subject of separate discipline proceedings.

- 19. Miron Piazza acknowledges and understands that if the Commissioner has reason to believe that she has breached any term of this Agreement:
 - a. the Commissioner may initiate an investigation under section 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* into her conduct; and
 - b. the conduct and matters described in the "Background and Facts" to this Agreement are admissible in that inquiry as proof that Miron Piazza has admitted to the conduct and matters set out in this Agreement.
- 20. Miron Piazza acknowledges that she has voluntarily entered into this Agreement after being advised of her right to obtain independent legal advice, and that she fully understands the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

Signed in Fort St-John	, B.C.
this 8 day of September	_, 2020.

Isabella/Marie Caroline Pina Giovanna Miron Piazza

Signed in ______, B.C. this __22 day of ______, September _____, 2020.

Howard L. Kushner, Commissioner