

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

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING

A TEACHER

CONSENT RESOLUTION SUMMARY

This summary is published under section 54(3) of the Teachers Act to protect the identity of a student who was harmed, abused or exploited by the teacher.

- 1. The Teacher held a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, which was cancelled on November 1, 2020 for non-payment of fees.
- 2. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a secondary school teacher by a school district at a school.
- 3. In November 2019, the Commissioner received a report about the Teacher from a District Superintendent under section 16 of the *School Act*.
- 4. In 2019, the Teacher entered into an inappropriate relationship with a Student, whom he taught in grade eight and again in grade twelve. In late June during the school year, the Teacher made a physical and romantic gesture towards the Student. Within days of the Student graduating, the Teacher commenced a sexual relationship with the Student.
- 5. In the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that his conduct described in paragraph 4 constitutes professional misconduct and is contrary to Standards #1 and #2 of the *Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia*, Fourth Edition, January 2012.
- 6. The Teacher agreed that for a period of 20 years, he would not apply for, and the Director of Certification would be required not to issue to him, a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or other authorization to teach, under section 64(g) of the *Teachers Act*.

- 7. In determining that a ban on reapplication for 20 years is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
 - a. the Teacher's conduct was a serious breach of his position of power and trust as a teacher; and
 - a. he exploited the student-teacher relationship he had with Student by commencing the sexual and romantic relationship within days of graduation.