

British Columbia Commissioner for Teacher Regulation

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

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING

A TEACHER

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

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

- 1. The Teacher held a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No. **1**, issued by the B.C. College of Teachers under the *Teaching Profession Act* on September 8, 2006, valid from September 1, 2006 and continued under the *Teachers Act* as of January 9, 2012.
- 2. In January 2021, the Commissioner ordered the Director of Certification (the "Director") to suspend the Teacher's certificate of qualification under section 50(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.
- 3. On November 1, 2021, the Teacher's certificate of qualification was cancelled for non-payment of fees.
- 4. At all material times, the Teacher was employed by a school district in B.C. (the "District") at a District school (the "School").
- 5. On August 27, 2020, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding the Teacher, under section 16 of the *School Act*.
- 6. The following events occurred:
 - a. In April 2020, the Teacher began communicating with a District student (Student A) on an adult website where Student A had indicated that Student A was a university student.
 - b. By the end of April, Student A disclosed to the Teacher that Student A was actually a student at a District school, but not at the School at which the Teacher taught. The Teacher then disclosed to Student A that the Teacher was employed by the District.

- c. Even after learning that Student A was a District student, the Teacher continued to send Student A messages. Some of the messages were of a sexual nature.
- 7. The Teacher resigned from the District in August 2020.
- 8. On **Commissioner**, the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher admitted that the conduct described in paragraph 6 above constitutes conduct unbecoming and is contrary to Standards #1 and #2 of the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 19, 2019.
- 9. The Teacher further agreed that for a period of ten years from **Exercise**, the Teacher will not apply for, and understands the Director will be required not to issue to the Teacher, 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.
- 10. In determining that a ten-year ban on reapplication is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
 - a. The Teacher engaged in inappropriate communication of a sexual nature with a person the Teacher knew was a student in the District.