



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.
2. The Teacher's certificate of qualification was cancelled on November 1, 2016 due to non-payment of fees.
3. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a high school teacher at a District school in British Columbia.

Case 02

4. In November 2015, the Commissioner initiated an investigation under s. 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* after learning that the Teacher had been charged with sexual assault and sexual interference of a person under the age of 16. This is designated Case 02.
5. In December 2015, the Teacher signed an undertaking not to teach in any role which required a certificate of qualification, independent school teaching certificate or letter of permission.
6. The following events occurred:
 - a. In 2015, the Teacher was charged with one count of sexual assault contrary to section 271 of the *Criminal Code* and one count of sexual interference of a person under the age of 16, contrary to section 251 of the *Criminal Code*.

- b. In 2017, the Teacher pleaded guilty to the charge of sexual interference of a person under the age of 16, contrary to section 251 of the *Criminal Code*. On November 14, 2017, the Teacher was sentenced. The sentence imposed is under appeal before the British Columbia Court of Appeal.
 - c. The criminal proceedings are subject to a court-ordered publication ban under section 486.4 of the *Criminal Code*.
7. In 2015, the Teacher resigned from the District.

Case 03

8. In December 2015, the Commissioner initiated an investigation under s. 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* after learning that the Teacher may have engaged in boundaries violations with a female student in the District. This has been designated Case 03.
9. The following events occurred:
 - a. In 2010, the Teacher initiated contact with a female high school student whom he taught (Student A). The Teacher exchanged several inappropriate messages with Student A over a two-year period.
10. The District had previously suspended the Teacher as follows:
 - a. The Teacher was suspended without pay for 6 months after he engaged in an inappropriate friendship with another female student (Student B).
11. On May 9, 2017, the Commissioner combined Case 02 and Case 03.
12. On [REDACTED], the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that his conduct described in paragraphs 6 and 9 above 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.
13. The Teacher agreed that he would never again apply for, and that the Director of Certification would be required under section 64(g) of the *Teachers Act* never to issue to him, a certification of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or a letter of permission.