



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 holds a Professional Certificate of Qualification issued by the Director of Certification under the *Teachers Act* on July 8, 2015 and valid from July 8, 2015.
2. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a high school teacher by a school district in British Columbia (the “District”).
3. On November 2, 2016, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding the Teacher under section 16 of the *School Act*.
4. Between August and September 2016, the Teacher engaged in highly inappropriate communications with a Grade 11 student using Facebook messenger and text messaging. The conversations occurred late at night and were frequently intimate in nature. The comments the Teacher made included a sexual reference, comments about Student A’s personal appearance, and heart emojis.
5. On October 31, 2016, the District issued the Teacher a letter of discipline and suspended him without pay for one month.
6. On [REDACTED], the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that his conduct described in paragraph 4 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.

7. The Teacher agreed to a two-month suspension of his certificate of qualification. The Teacher also agreed to complete the course “Reinforcing Respectful Professional Boundaries” through the Justice Institute of B.C. by April 1, 2018.