

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 in 2016 due to non-payment of fees.
- 2. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a high school teacher at a District school in British Columbia (the "School").
- 3. In 2015, the Commissioner received a report about the Teacher from a District Superintendent, under s.16 of the *School Act*.
- 4. Also in 2015, the Commissioner initiated an investigation into the Teacher after learning that the Teacher had been charged with one count of sexual exploitation.
- 5. After receiving the District report, the Commissioner asked the Teacher to provide an undertaking not to teach in any role which required a certificate of qualification, independent school teaching certificate or letter of permission. The Teacher provided that undertaking in 2015.
- 6. In 2015, the District suspended the Teacher without pay pending the outcome of the District investigation. In 2016, the Teacher resigned from the District.
- 7. The following events occurred:
 - a. Student A was a female student at the School with whom the Teacher had a sexual relationship.

- b. In 2015, the Teacher was charged with, and in 2016 he pleaded guilty to, one count of sexual exploitation of a young person, contrary to section 153 of the *Criminal Code*.
- c. The Teacher has not yet been sentenced in the criminal proceedings.
- d. The criminal proceedings are subject to a court-ordered publication ban under section 486.4 of the *Criminal Code*.
- 8. Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that his conduct described in paragraph 7 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.
- 9. The Teacher agreed that he would never again apply for, and that the Director of Certification will never again issue to him, a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or a letter of permission.