

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

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING

A TEACHER

SUMMARY OF 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 holds a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No. issued by the B.C. College of Teachers under the *Teaching Profession Act* on January 31, 1991, valid from September 1, 1990, and continued under the *Teachers Act* as of January 9, 2012.
- 2. On September 8, 2022, the Commissioner suspended the Teacher's certificate under section 50(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.
- 3. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a high school teacher by a school district in British Columbia (the "District") at a District school (the "School").
- 4. On July 4, 2022, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding the Teacher, under section 16 of the *School Act*.
- 5. The following events occurred:
 - a. Student A was a vulnerable student whom the Teacher had taught at the School.
 - b. On the day of Student A's graduation, the Teacher's children (who were over the age of 19) were having a party at the Teacher's house. The Teacher, who had been out for dinner, came home after the party had begun. Some attendees were university students who were of legal drinking age. Student A, who was not of legal drinking age, attended the Teacher's home and while there, drank some alcohol. While the Teacher knew that there was alcohol present at the party, the Teacher was not aware that Student A was drinking.

- c. At one point, the Teacher kissed Student A on the lips. This was photographed and circulated on social media.
- 6. The Teacher resigned from the District.
- 7. On the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher admitted that their conduct described in paragraph 4 above constitutes professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming under section 63 of the *Teachers Act* and is contrary to Standards #1 and #2 of the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 2019.
- 8. The Teacher agreed that their certificate of qualification would be cancelled under sections 53 and 64(e) of the *Teachers Act*.
- 9. The Teacher further agreed that for a period of fifteen years from 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 cancellation fifteen-year ban on reapplication is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
 - a. The Teacher endangered the emotional safety of Student A.
 - b. The Teacher's conduct was part of a pattern of boundary issues.