

## 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 anonymously 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. Leavest State of September 1. It was issued by the B.C. College of Teachers under the *Teaching Profession Act* on September 30, 1996, is valid from September 1, 1996, and was continued under the *Teachers Act* as of January 9, 2012.
- 2. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a secondary school teacher by School District No. 36 (Surrey) (the "District") at a school in the District (the "School").
- 3. On March 12, 2021, the District made a report to the Commissioner about the Teacher, under section 16 of the *School Act*.
- 4. In or around 2005 to 2008, the Teacher entered into inappropriately personal relationships with three students, and shortly after graduation, he developed these relationships into inappropriately intimate relationships.
- 5. On one occasion, the Teacher drove two students in his car back to the School from an event, although the School provided transportation for all students to and from this event.
- 6. The Teacher developed an intimate relationship with one of these students ("Student A"), shortly after Student A graduated, in which he spent time with Student A and sent MSN messages to Student A that included sexual content.
- 7. The Teacher also developed an intimate relationship with another of these students ("Student C") shortly after graduation, in which he spent time with Student C. He also told Student C how to "protect" him when he became aware of concerns by School staff about

- this relationship.
- 8. The Teacher also communicated by MSN Message with another student ("Student B") after graduation, and invited Student B to get together socially with him after Student B was 19.
- 9. The Teacher has not taught in the K-12 education system since April 20, 2015, when he commenced a leave.
- 10. In December 2020, the Teacher resigned from his employment with the District.
- 11. In 2022, the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher admitted that his conduct described in paragraphs 4 to 8 above constitutes professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming, contrary to Standards #1 and 2 of the *Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia*, Fourth Edition, January 2012.
- 12. The Teacher agreed to a cancellation of his certificate of qualification under sections 53 and 64(e) of the *Teachers Act* and also agreed that for a period of 15 years, he will not apply for, and understands the Director of Certification (the "Director") will be required not to issue to him, 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.
- 13. In determining that a cancellation and a 15 year ban on being authorized to teach in the K-12 education system in British Columbia are appropriate consequences, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
  - a. the Teacher used his position of trust as a teacher to elicit sensitive personal information from two students and use that information to his personal advantage;
  - b. the Teacher told a student what to say and do in order to "protect" him when he became aware of concerns by School staff about this relationship; and
  - c. the Teacher had a pattern of breaching his professional boundaries by developing relationships with students while they were students, and subsequently developing these relationships into more intimate relationships.