



**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. On November 1, 2019, the Teacher's certificate was cancelled for non-payment of fees.
3. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a high school teacher at a B.C. public school (the "School").
4. In August 2018, the Commissioner received a report about the Teacher from a District Superintendent under s.16 of the *School Act*.
5. Student A was in Grade 12 and was a student in the Teacher's class. Student A would often be in the Teacher's classroom during breaks and before and after class. The Teacher was also Student A's official mentor, and assisted Student A with schoolwork and university applications. Shortly after Student A graduated from the School, the Teacher began a relationship with Student A which later became sexual in nature.
6. In 2020, the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that their conduct described in paragraph 5 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 also agreed that they would never again apply for, and the Director of Certification would be required not to issue them a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or a letter of permission at any time in the future, under section 64(g) of the *Teachers Act*.
8. In determining that a lifetime ban on reapplication is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
  - a. The Teacher engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former student in breach of their fiduciary responsibilities; and
  - b. The Teacher acknowledged that their conduct was inappropriate and cooperated with the Commissioner's investigation.