



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 students who were harmed, abused or exploited by the teacher.

1. The Teacher held a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, which he relinquished on July 17, 2021.
2. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a middle school teacher by a school district (the “District”) at a school.

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3. In October 2019, the Commissioner received a report from the District regarding the Teacher under section 16 of the *School Act*.
4. The Teacher responded inappropriately to a student’s (Student “A”) threat of self-harm.
5. In September 2019, the District disciplined the Teacher by issuing him a letter of reprimand and requiring him to complete coursework.

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6. In October 2019, the Commissioner received another report from the District regarding the Teacher under section 16 of the *School Act*.
7. In September 2020, the Commissioner received information from the RCMP regarding the Teacher.

8. The following events occurred:
 - a. The Teacher invited a student from his class (Student B) into his office. While Student B was in his office, the Teacher pulled Student B onto his lap and had inappropriate physical contact with Student B.
 - b. The Teacher pleaded guilty to and was sentenced for assault, contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. The criminal proceedings are subject to bans on publication pursuant to sections 486.4 and 517 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
9. In September 2019, the District disciplined the Teacher by suspending him.
10. In November 2019, the Teacher gave an undertaking to the Commissioner not to teach in any role or position which requires a certificate of qualification or other authorization under the *Teachers Act*.
11. In October 2020, the Teacher resigned from his employment with the District.
12. On [REDACTED], the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that the conduct described in paragraphs 4 and 8 constitutes professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming and is contrary to Standards #1, #2, and #3 of the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 2019.
13. The Teacher agreed, under section 64(g) of the *Teachers Act*, that he will never apply for, and understands that the Director of Certification will never 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.
14. In determining that a lifetime ban on reapplication and reissuance of a certificate or other authorization is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
 - a. the Teacher engaged in criminal misconduct,
 - b. the Teacher compromised his privileged position of power and trust and violated students' physical and emotional safety and wellbeing,
 - c. the Teacher failed to create a positive and safe learning environment, and
 - d. the Teacher was previously warned about his interactions with students.