

### 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, No. It was issued by the Director of Certification (the "Director") under the *Teachers Act* on August 29, 2012 and is valid from August 29, 2012.
- 2. The Teacher's certificate of qualification was cancelled on November 1, 2019 for non-payment of fees.
- 3. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a secondary school teacher by a school district in British Columbia (the "District") at a District school (the "School").
- 4. On May 2, 2018, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding the Teacher, under section 16 of the *School Act* after learning that the Teacher had begun a sexual relationship with a student at the School. This has been designated Matter 1.
- 5. In May 2018, the Teacher was charged with one count of sexual exploitation of a young person by a person in a position of trust or authority, contrary to section 153(1) of the *Criminal Code* and one count of sexual assault, contrary to section 271 of the *Criminal Code*. The criminal proceedings are subject to a publication ban under sections 486.4 of the *Criminal Code*.
- 6. On June 16, 2018, the Teacher resigned from the District, effective immediately.
- 7. On July 6, 2018, the Commissioner initiated an investigation under section 47(1)(b) of the

*Teachers Act* after learning that the Teacher had been charged with breaching his bail conditions, contrary to sections 145(3) and 145(5.1) of the *Criminal Code*. This has been designated Matter 2.

- 8. In February 2019, the Teacher pleaded guilty to a number of charges including sexual exploitation and was sentenced in February 2020.
- 9. On the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which he agreed that his conduct described in paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 above constitutes professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming and is 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.
- 10. Under the terms of the consent resolution agreement, the Teacher agreed that he would not apply for, and understand the Director of Certification will be required, under section 64(g) of the *Teachers* Act not to issue to him, a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or letter of permission at any time in the future.
- 11. In determining that a lifetime ban on reapplication is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
  - a. The Teacher engaged in criminal misconduct involving a serious sexual exploitation of a vulnerable student.
  - b. There was a pattern of boundary violations in addition to the most serious violation which led to the criminal conviction.
  - c. The Teacher attempted to mislead and obstruct the District's investigation.