



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
TEACHER REGULATION

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

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING

JAYA BETH VAN PRAAGH

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CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE COMMISSIONER, APPOINTED UNDER THE *TEACHERS ACT*  
(the “Commissioner”)

AND:

JAYA BETH VAN PRAAGH  
(“Van Praagh”)

**BACKGROUND and FACTS**

1. Van Praagh holds a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No. ██████████. It was issued by the B.C. College of Teachers under the *Teaching Profession Act* on November 4, 2008, is valid from September 1, 2008, and was continued under the *Teachers Act* as of January 9, 2012. Prior to the issue of her Certificate of Qualification, Van Praagh was issued an Interim Professional Certificate on August 13, 2001, which was valid from September 1, 2001 to June 31, 2010.
2. At all material times, Van Praagh was employed as an elementary teacher by School District No. 37 (Delta) (the “District”) at a school in the District (the “School”).
3. On July 3, 2025, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding Van Praagh, under section 16 of the *School Act*.
4. During the 2024/2025 school year, while Van Praagh was teaching grade 6/7, the following events occurred:

- a. On April 24, 2025, while her class was outside participating in an Earth Week event, Van Praagh witnessed one of her students (Student A) and another student (Student B) with a scooter they should not be using. Van Praagh addressed Student A in close range and in a tone and at a volume that was louder than appropriate. Student A felt singled out in front of their peers.
  - b. On at least one other occasion, Van Praagh was observed using inappropriate class management strategies, including physical contact and a raised voice, to control student behaviour.
5. On June 4, 2025, the District disciplined Van Praagh by issuing a Letter of Discipline, for yelling at students; entering students' personal space, and making physical contact with students.
  6. Previous concerns have been raised with Van Praagh by the District. On May 10, 2024, the District issued a Letter of Direction to Van Praagh directing her to treat students with dignity and respect by not singling out or yelling at students; be respectful in tone and content with students; respect students' physical space; create an inclusive classroom environment; participate in a Peer Support program; take an anger management course; and adhere to Professional Standards for BC Educators.
  7. On January 22, 2026, the Commissioner considered this matter and determined to propose a consent resolution agreement to Van Praagh, in accordance with section 53(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.

## CONSEQUENCES

8. This Agreement is made under section 53 of the *Teachers Act*.
9. Van Praagh understands and acknowledges that this Agreement is not effective until executed by the Commissioner, and that the date of execution by the Commissioner will be the effective date of this Agreement (the "Effective Date").
10. Van Praagh admits that the facts set out in paragraphs 1 to 6 of this Agreement are true.
11. Van Praagh admits that the conduct described in paragraph 4 of this Agreement constitutes professional misconduct and is contrary to Standard # 1 of the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*, June 2019.
12. Van Praagh agrees to a reprimand under sections 53 and 64(a) of the *Teachers Act*.
13. Van Praagh agrees under section 64(f) and (h) of the *Teachers Act* that by September 8, 2026 (the "Condition Date"):

- a. She will successfully complete the course *Creating a Positive Learning Environment* through the Justice Institute of British Columbia (the “Course”) and provide satisfactory proof of completion to the Commissioner by the Condition Date.
  - b. If Van Praagh does not successfully complete the Course by the Condition Date, she will immediately advise the Commissioner in writing of the reason(s) she has not successfully completed it and set out the date by which she proposes to do so, at which time the Commissioner may extend the Condition Date to a later date (the “Extended Date”).
  - c. If Van Praagh fails to provide satisfactory proof of completion of the Course by the later of the Condition Date or the Extended Date, the Commissioner may require the Director of Certification (“the Director”) to suspend Van Praagh’s certificate of qualification under section 64(f) of the *Teachers Act*, until such time as she successfully completes the Course.
14. In determining that a reprimand and coursework is an appropriate consequence, the Commissioner considered the following factors:
- a. Van Praagh failed to create an emotionally safe learning environment for her students.
15. Van Praagh agrees not to make any statement orally or in writing which contradicts, disputes or calls into question the terms of this Agreement or the admissions made in it.

#### **EFFECT OF THE AGREEMENT**

16. The Director will record the terms of this Agreement on the online registry of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, under section 79(d) of the *Teachers Act*.
17. Van Praagh acknowledges that this Agreement will be published in accordance with section 54 of the *Teachers Act*, which includes posting the Agreement, in full, on the following website: <https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca>
18. A breach by Van Praagh of any term in this Agreement may constitute professional misconduct which may be the subject of separate discipline proceedings.
19. Van Praagh acknowledges and understands that if the Commissioner has reason to believe that she has breached any term of this Agreement:
  - a. the Commissioner may initiate an investigation under section 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* into her conduct; and

- b. the conduct and matters described in the “Background and Facts” to this Agreement are admissible in that inquiry as proof that Van Praagh has admitted to the conduct and matters set out in this Agreement.
20. Van Praagh acknowledges that she has voluntarily entered into this Agreement with the benefit of independent legal advice, and that she fully understands the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

Signed in Delta, B.C.  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Jaya Beth Van Praagh

Signed in New Westminster, B.C.  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Donnaree Nygard, Commissioner