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RE: Melodie Hathorne  
Professional Standards Commission Case No. 21638

### LETTER OF REPRIMAND

The Professional Standards Commission, in accord with Idaho Code §§ 33-1208 and 33-1209, and the Stipulation and Consent Order in this matter, issues a formal reprimand to Melodie Hathorne (Ms. Hathorne).

Ms. Hathorne holds the following certificates and endorsement: Standard Secondary Certificate with English 6/12 endorsement – effective September 1, 2014 – valid until August 31, 2019. Ms. Hathorne was a language arts teacher with Twin Falls School District during the relevant time. On or about August 13, 2016, a party involving juvenile students and the consumption of alcohol took place at Ms. Hathorne's residence while she was there. The Executive Committee determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against Ms. Hathorne for violating the following laws and rules governing teacher certification: a. Code of Ethics Principle II (Idaho Admin. Code r. 08.02.02.076.03.i).

Ms. Hathorne, although not admitting that she violated the following laws and rules governing teacher certification, acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of a violation of the following laws and rules governing teacher certification:

A copy of this letter of reprimand will be placed in Ms. Hathorne's certification file.

DATED this 21 day of September, 2017.

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

By: Elisa Saffle  
Elisa Saffle, Member

cc: Melodie Hathorne, Respondent  
Paul Stark, Respondent's Counsel  
Robert A. Berry, Attorney for the Chief Certification Officer

**IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

In the matter of the certificates of: ) Case No. 21638  
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 Melodie Hathorne, ) **STIPULATION**  
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 Respondent. )  
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**BACKGROUND**

The Professional Standards Commission received an allegation of unethical conduct concerning Melodie Hathorne. Following an investigation, the Executive Committee of the Professional Standards Commission reviewed the information before it and determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against Melodie Hathorne's certificates. The Executive Committee has recommended the following Stipulation.

**STIPULATION**

1. This is an agreement (Stipulation) between Melodie Hathorne (Ms. Hathorne) and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (the Commission).
2. If Ms. Hathorne wishes to agree to this Stipulation, she must sign and return this Stipulation and any attachments to the Commission by 5:00 p.m. (mountain time) on September 8, 2017, unless she has been granted an extension.
3. After Ms. Hathorne and the Executive Committee agree to and sign this Stipulation, the Stipulation must be approved by the Commission, and the Commission must enter the attached consent order, before this Stipulation resolves the matter.
4. A signed copy of this Stipulation may be submitted via mail or fax to:

Professional Standards Commission  
 650 West State Street, 2nd Floor  
 P. O. Box 83720  
 Boise, ID 83720-0027  
 Fax: (208) 334-2228 (Attn: Professional Standards Commission)

STIPULATION - 1  
Melodie Hathorne

**A. Stipulated Facts and Law**

5. The Commission regulates teacher certification in the State of Idaho.
6. Ms. Hathorne holds the following certificates and endorsement:
  - a. Standard Secondary Certificate with English 6/12 endorsement – effective September 1, 2014 – valid until August 31, 2019;
7. Ms. Hathorne was a language arts teacher with Twin Falls School District during the relevant time.
8. On or about August 13, 2016, a party involving juvenile students and the consumption of alcohol took place at Ms. Hathorne's residence while she was there.
9. The Executive Committee determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against Ms. Hathorne for violating the following laws and rules governing teacher certification:
  - a. Code of Ethics Principle II (Idaho Admin. Code r. 08.02.02.076.03.i).
10. Ms. Hathorne, although not admitting that she violated the laws and rules cited in paragraph 9, acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of a violation of the laws and rules cited in paragraph 9.

**B. Stipulated Discipline**

11. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, the following discipline will be imposed by the Commission on Ms. Hathorne's certificates:
  - a. the Commission issue a letter of reprimand.
12. Any costs associated with Ms. Hathorne's compliance with the terms of this Stipulation are her responsibility.
13. During the pendency of this Stipulation, Ms. Hathorne will comply with all laws and rules governing teacher certification in Idaho.