

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,</b> | : |                                  |
| <b>Petitioner,</b>              | : |                                  |
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| <b>v.</b>                       | : | <b>PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-17-197</b> |
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| <b>DENNIS A. DELORSO,</b>       | : |                                  |
| <b>Respondent.</b>              | : |                                  |

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) August 30, 2019 Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks approval of Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender.

Respondent holds an Instructional II Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the area of Special Education PK-12, and a Supervisory certificate in the areas of Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction PK-12 and Supervisor of Special Education PK-12. Respondent was also issued a Bridge I certificate in the area of Mid-Level English 6-9. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by the Bloomsburg Area School District as a teacher, until his termination on October 2, 2017.

On August 17, 2017, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent had been criminally charged as a result of allegations he exchanged several sexually explicit emails and engaged in a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old boy he met through a personal ad on Craigslist. By Order dated February 28, 2018, the Commission directed the Department to immediately suspend Respondent’s educator certification and employment eligibility. On July 3, 2019, Respondent was convicted of Corruption of Minors and Obscene and Other Sexual Materials and Performances and subsequently agreed to

permanently<sup>1</sup> surrender his educator certification and employment eligibility. Attached to the Department's Motion for Entry of Order is an Affidavit signed by Respondent evidencing his voluntary surrender. Pursuant to the Act, surrender of a certificate and/or employment eligibility constitutes discipline. 24 P.S. § 2070.1b. The Department has filed the instant Motion requesting that the Commission enter an order accepting Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender in resolution of the disciplinary matter.

Accordingly, we enter the following:

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1. Section 16(b)(2) of the Educator Discipline Act ("Act") provides that the Commission shall not reinstate a certificate or employment eligibility surrendered for conduct relating to sexual abuse or exploitation as that term is defined in the Act and 23 P.S. § 6303(a). 24 P.S. § 2070.16(b)(2). In his Affidavit of Surrender, Respondent acknowledged that section 16(b)(2) permanently bars his reinstatement as an educator.

## **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 11th day of October 2019, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and the educator certification and employment eligibility to serve as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or a contracted educational provider staff member of DENNIS A. DELORSO is SURRENDERED in accordance with the foregoing Memorandum and Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender. Pursuant to 24 P.S. § 2070.16(b)(2) the Commission shall not reinstate Respondent's educator certification or employment eligibility. This Order is effective IMMEDIATELY.

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:



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Myron Yoder  
Chairperson Pro Tempore



Attest:

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Shane F. Crosby  
Executive Director

Date Mailed: October 11, 2019