



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

AND

**IN THE MATTER CONCERNING
SCOTT MICHAEL JAMES ROMANO**



CONSENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

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

AND:

SCOTT MICHAEL JAMES ROMANO
(“Romano”)

BACKGROUND and FACTS

1. Romano holds a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification, No. [REDACTED]. It was issued by the B.C. College of Teachers under the *Teaching Profession Act* on October 1, 2008, is valid from September 1, 2008 and continued under the *Teachers Act* as of January 9, 2012.
2. At all material times, Romano was employed as a high school teacher by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) (the “District”) at a District school (the “School”).
3. On July 5, 2016, the District made a report to the Commissioner regarding Romano, under section 16 of the *School Act*.
4. The following events occurred:
 - a. Student A was a Grade 10 student in Romano’s math class.
 - b. Student A had a learner’s driving permit. Romano had promised Student A that he would allow her to practice driving, using his car, if she performed well on an upcoming test.

- c. On February 25, 2016 Romano left his classroom for approximately 35-40 minutes during instructional time in order to allow Student A to practice parking using his car, in the School parking lot. Romano allowed Student A to drive his car as a reward for working hard and obtaining an A on her math test.
 - d. Romano was not in the car with Student A while she was operating it.
 - e. Romano allowed Student A to drive his car without the knowledge or permission of her parents or School administrators, and without first determining whether he had insurance coverage in the event damage or injury were incurred while Student A was operating his car.
5. On May 26, 2016, the District issued Romano a letter of reprimand. The District also required Romano to attend the course "Reinforcing Respectful Professional Boundaries" through the Justice Institute of B.C. Romano completed that course in September 2016.
 6. The District had previously issued Romano a letter of reprimand on November 15, 2011 in which he was reminded to maintain a proper and respectful relationship with his students. He was also required to attend a District-chosen boundaries course and directed to have someone work with him on classroom management, boundaries, and appropriate teaching strategies.
 7. Romano completed the Teacher Regulation Branch Boundaries Course in August 2014.
 8. On August 30, 2016 the Commissioner considered this matter and determined to propose a consent resolution agreement to Romano, in accordance with section 53(1)(a) of the *Teachers Act*.

DISPOSITION

9. This Agreement is made under section 53 of the *Teachers Act*.
10. Romano 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").
11. Romano admits that the facts set out in paragraphs 1 to 7 of this Agreement are true.
12. Romano admits that the conduct described in paragraph 4 of this Agreement constitutes professional misconduct and is contrary to Standard #1 of the *Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia*, Fourth Edition, January 2012.
13. Romano agrees to a reprimand under sections 53 and 64(a) of the *Teachers Act*. The reprimand will take effect on the first business day following the Effective Date.

14. Romano 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.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE AGREEMENT

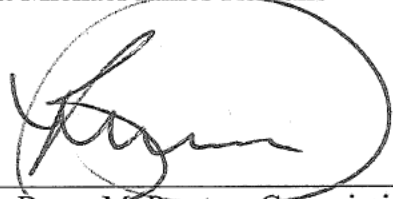
15. The Director of Certification will record the terms of this Agreement on the Teacher Regulation Branch's online registry under section 79(d) of the *Teachers Act*.
16. Romano acknowledges that this Agreement will be published in accordance with section 54 of the *Teachers Act*, which includes posting the Agreement, in full, on the following website: www.bcteacherregulation.ca.
17. A breach by Romano of any term in this Agreement may constitute professional misconduct which may be the subject of separate discipline proceedings.
18. Romano acknowledges and understands that if the Commissioner has reason to believe that he has breached any term of this Agreement:
- a. the Commissioner may initiate an investigation under section 47(1)(b) of the *Teachers Act* into his conduct; and
 - b. the conduct and matters described in the "Background and Facts" to this Agreement are admissible in that inquiry as proof that Romano has admitted to the conduct and matters set out in this Agreement.
19. Romano acknowledges that he has voluntarily entered into this Agreement with the benefit of independent legal advice, and that he fully understands the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

Signed in Coquitlam, B.C.
this 7th day of February, 2017.



Scott Michael James Romano

Signed in Vancouver, B.C.
this 21 day of March, 2017.


Hon. Bruce M. Preston, Commissioner