

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
Petitioner,**

**v.**

**GREGORY J. ANDREWS,  
Respondent.**

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**PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-00-35**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks acknowledgment of the Respondent’s surrender of his teaching certificate and requests dismissal of the instant disciplinary action.

On October 18, 2000, the Department filed a Notice of Charges seeking the revocation of Respondent’s Pennsylvania teaching certificate on the grounds of immorality, cruelty, intemperance and negligence. Specifically, the Department alleged that during the 1998 school year Respondent had engaged in a sexual relationship with a student at the Annville-Cleona School District where he served as a Social Studies teacher. In addition, the Respondent made inappropriate sexual comments to other students and threatened students who became aware of his ongoing sexual relationship with the afore-mentioned student.

In response to the Notice of Charges, Respondent agreed to relinquish his Pennsylvania Instructional I teaching certificate endorsed in the area of Social Studies and his rights to any other Pennsylvania teaching certificates that may have been

issued to him.

In consideration of the Department's Motion for Entry of Order and the Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender, the Commission has decided to accept the Respondent's surrender in lieu of discipline of his teaching certificate. Further, the Commission finds that the conduct precipitating the surrender in lieu of discipline is related to sexual abuse or exploitation<sup>1</sup> as defined by the Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission enters the following:

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1 "*Sexual abuse or exploitation*" shall mean the employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement or coercion of a child or student to engage in, or assist any other person to engage in, any sexually explicit conduct or a simulation of any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction, including photographing, videotaping, computer depicting or filming, of any sexually explicit conduct or conduct that constitutes an offense under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch 31 (relating to sexual offenses) or section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children) or other forms of sexual exploitation of children or students.

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 23rd day of May, 2001, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion for Entry of Order is GRANTED and the Surrender in Lieu of Discipline of the teaching certificate of Respondent Gregory J. Andrews is ACCEPTED. Further, the Commission finds that the Respondent's conduct is related to sexual abuse or exploitation as defined in 24 P.S. §2070.1.2.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND  
PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard D. Hupper  
Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Angelo  
Executive Director

Date Mailed: