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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

Professional Standards and
Practices Commission

In Re: Michael A. Colledge : PSPC Docket No. DI-92-04
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Michael A. Colledge is the holder of a Vocational I Certificate with an occupational competency in Graphic Arts (hereinafter referred to as "certificate") issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "Department");

WHEREAS, on January 29, 1992, the Department issued a notice of charges directing Mr. Colledge to show cause why his certificate should not be revoked;

WHEREAS, by answer dated March 30, 1992, Mr. Colledge, through his attorney, denied that his teaching certificate should be revoked;

WHEREAS, Mr. Colledge is not currently employed as a teacher, or in any other capacity by any school within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, nor has he been a party to any contract of employment as a teacher since the summer of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Mr. Colledge wish to settle this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above facts, the Department and Mr. Colledge agree as follows:

1. Mr. Colledge agrees that his certificate will be suspended for a period of two years commencing with the date of the order adopting the disciplinary action set forth herein.
2. During the suspension period, Mr. Colledge agrees to obtain a professional psychological/psychiatric evaluation for purposes of determining whether professional counseling is necessary to address a psychological/psychiatric problem related to the issues set forth in the notice of charges. Upon completion of the evaluation, Mr. Colledge agrees to submit a copy of the evaluation to the Department's Office of Chief Counsel.
3. If the evaluator finds that professional counseling is necessary to address a psychological/psychiatric problem related to the issues set forth in the notice of charges, Mr. Colledge agrees to participate in the professional counseling recommended by the evaluator until such time as the psychological/psychiatric problem related to the issues set forth in the notice of charges is resolved. Mr. Colledge agrees to submit to the Department's Office of Chief Counsel the following as evidence of counseling: a counseling schedule, quarterly progress reports from the counselor and a final report from the counselor upon completion of counseling.
4. At or about the time of his application for lifting of the suspension,

Mr. Colledge agrees to provide the Department with at least three character references. At least two of the references will have knowledge of the reason why Mr. Colledge resigned from the Altoona Area Vocational Technical School.

5. Mr. Colledge represents that he has not been convicted of any crimes and, in that regard, at or about the time of his application for lifting of the suspension, he agrees to obtain a criminal history background check and an FBI background check and submit these documents to the Department.

6. At the end of the two year period of suspension, Mr. Colledge may, in accordance with 24 P.S. §12-1266, apply to the Commission for an order lifting the suspension.

7. If all terms set forth above are satisfied at the time of Mr. Colledge's application for an order lifting the suspension, the Department will not oppose said order.

Michael A. Colledge
Michael Colledge

9-16-92
Date

M. Patricia Fullerton
Department of Education

11-24-92
Date