



Office of the Minister

DEC 05 2019

Mr. Mark Aitcheson
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Dear Mr. Aitcheson:

The decision and recommendation of the hearing committee of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Alberta Teachers' Association has been referred to me, pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act*. A copy of the decision has been enclosed for your reference.

As you are aware, the hearing committee found you guilty of professional misconduct for inappropriately touching students. Your actions were considered detrimental to the best interests of students. The committee recommended that I suspend your teaching certificate for two years.

I have reviewed the matter and, based upon the Reasons for Decision and Reasons for Penalty set out in the committee's decision, I do not support the committee's recommendation that your teaching certificate be suspended. Instead, I am of the view that the seriousness of the charges presented in the committee's decision warrants cancellation of your Permanent Professional Certificate.

I hereby cancel your Alberta Permanent Professional Certificate [REDACTED] effective immediately, pursuant to Sections 31 and 32 of the *Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation*. A copy of the regulation is enclosed for your reference.

If you have any inquiries regarding this decision, please contact [REDACTED] Registrar, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Adriana LaGrange
Minister

Enclosures:

1. *Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation*
2. Decision of the hearing committee of the Professional Conduct Committee