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Education
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Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Bow

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February 23, 2026

Mr. Christopher Taylor
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The decision and recommendation of the hearing committee of the Professional Conduct and Competency General Panel have been referred to me pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act* (Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, c. T-2) and the Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation (Alberta Regulation 123/2022).

I reviewed the June 24, 2025 decision, the reasons for the decision and the recommendation of the hearing committee. I concur with the hearing committee's determination that your actions, described below, were detrimental to the best interests of students, the public and the teaching profession, had the potential to harm or tend to harm the standing of teachers generally, and constituted unprofessional conduct under section 23 of the *Teaching Profession Act.*

Your actions were detrimental to the best interests of students and the public:

- Your conduct involved the repeated emotional, psychological, and sexual exploitation of a student over a period of years.
- Between 2012 and 2016, you engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a student that involved conversations, in person and via text, email and social media, which encouraged smoking and consumption of alcohol, exchanging personal numbers, making sexually explicit comments, receiving and sending images of a sexual nature, and involving conversations about personal relationships.
- Between 2016 and 2022, [redacted], you maintained contact and continued a relationship with them, including the exchange of sexually explicit images and videos between May and June 2022.

Your actions had the potential to harm the standing of teachers and constituted unprofessional conduct:

- Despite the student's parents expressing concerns in 2014 about the inappropriateness of the relationship, you disregarded those concerns and continued a relationship with the student.
- Your unprofessional conduct severely impacted the student's well-being and was an egregious breach of the trust placed in teachers by students, parents and the public.

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The hearing committee accepted the agreed statement of facts and the joint submission on penalty proposed by you and the Commissioner of the Alberta Teaching Profession Commission, acknowledging that your actions constituted unprofessional conduct under the former *Teaching Profession Act*. The hearing committee recommended that I cancel your certificate, and I agree with that decision and recommendation.

Pursuant to section 70 of the applicable Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation (AR 123/2022), I am cancelling your Permanent Professional Certificate effective the date of this letter.

Copies of the hearing committee's decision and the relevant legislation are enclosed for your reference.

A copy of this letter will be placed on your Alberta teacher registry file, and both the hearing committee's decision and my decision will be added to the online Teacher and Teacher Leader Registry in accordance with the *Education Act*.

Sincerely,

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Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education and Childcare

Enclosures:

1. Hearing Committee Decision
2. *Teaching Profession Act* (RSA 2000, c. T-2)
3. Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation (AR 123/2022)

cc: Julia Sproule, Commissioner, Alberta Teaching Profession Commission
Satinder Dhillon, Registrar, Office of the Registrar, Alberta Education and Childcare