



ALBERTA
EDUCATION

Office of the Minister

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Mr. Dwayne Evan Schnell
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Dear Mr. Schnell:

The February 4, 2020 decision and recommendation of the Hearing Committee of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Alberta Teachers' Association in the matter of charges of unprofessional conduct has been referred to me, pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act*. A copy of the decision is enclosed for your reference.

As you are aware, the hearing committee found you guilty of unprofessional conduct for multiple charges relating to your offences dealing with child pornography for which you were criminally convicted by indictment under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

I have reviewed the matter and the Reasons for Decision and Reasons for Penalty set out in the committee's decision, as well as the circumstances of your offences. The committee reported the evidence against you was abundant and explicit, and your offences involved [REDACTED] children. The hearing committee recommended that I order you permanently ineligible to hold a teaching certificate, as you currently do not hold valid teaching authority in Alberta. Your Interim Professional Certificate [REDACTED] expired on August 31, 2017.

Given the very serious nature of your unprofessional conduct, I have directed the Registrar's Office to put the hearing committee's decision on your teacher file in the Teacher Registry to ensure that this information is considered, should you request a reissuance of your expired Alberta teaching certificate in the future.

A copy of the *Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation* is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,
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Adriana LaGrange
Minister

Enclosure