

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D14-12-100
	)	
Kurtis L. Kasner	)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 376634B	)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
		REVOCATION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington, having reviewed the file of the above-referenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby permanently revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 376634B, of Kurtis Kasner, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- Kurtis Kasner was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 376634B, on April 24,
   That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. On December 10, 2014, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Northshore School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Kurtis Kasner.

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- 3. During the 2014-2015 school year, Kurtis Kasner was employed as a substitute teacher for the Northshore School District.
- 4. During the month of October, 2014, Kurtis Kasner knowingly possessed images of child pornography.
- 5. On or about October 3, 2014, Kurtis Kasner took his personal computer to a local repair shop for repair. On October 7, 2014, repair shop technicians discovered sexual images of minors stored on Kurtis Kasner's personal computer. The repair company contacted the Kirkland Police Department who initiated an investigation, Kirkland Police Department Case No: 14-47510.
- 6. On October 20, 2014, an <u>Information</u> was filed in the King County Superior Court, charging Kurtis Kasner with three (3) counts of Possession of Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct in the First Degree, RCW 9.68A.070(1), 9.68A.011(4)(a)-(e). King County Superior Court, 14-1-05226-6 KNT.
- 7. On April 28, 2015, Kurtis Kasner signed a <u>Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Felony Sex Offense</u> in the King County Superior Court, Case No: 14-1-05226-6-KNT. Kurtis Kasner plead guilty to one count of Possession of Depictions of a Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct. Charges II and III were dismissed according to a plea agreement.

- 8. On May 26, 2015, OPP received a written statement from Kurtis Kasner.
- 9. Kurtis Kasner has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(3). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.
- 10. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Kurtis Kasner and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 376634B, of Kurtis Kasner, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

## <u>ORDER</u>

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 376634B, of Kurtis Kasner be permanently revoked.

DATED This 30 day of July, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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