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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D09-06-048
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Dustin King)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 457551J)	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. 457551J, of Dustin King, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Dustin King was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 457551J, on September
 3, 2008. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Dustin King was employed by the Castle Rock School District.



- 3. On June 18, 2009, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Castle Rock School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Dustin King.
- 4. On February 23, 2009, Dustin King was hired as a long-term substitute teacher by the Castle Rock School District.
- 5. Between February 23, 2009 and May 15, 2009, Dustin King sent to and exchanged inappropriate text messages with a Castle Rock High School female student. Some of the text messages included sexually explicit language and language describing sexual acts Dustin King wished to perform with the female student. The female student is indentified in police probable cause statements as Jane Doe.
- 6. On May 15, 2009, Castle Rock Police Department initiated an investigation, based upon a report from the Castle Rock High School principal. Dustin King was arrested and booked into the Cowlitz County Jail for Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090; Castle Rock Police Department report #C09-709.

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- 7. On May 18, 2009, Dustin King was released from the Cowlitz County Jail by a Cowlitz County Superior Court Judge. Dustin King was issued a <u>Pre-Trial Release Conditions Order</u>; which included a requirement that he have no contact with alleged victim and a Sexual Assault Protection Order; Case #09-1-00530-1.
- 8. On May 19, 2009, Dustin King was sent a letter by Susan Barker, Superintendent of the Castle Rock School District, advising that he was being suspended without pay until the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Dustin King was also advised that he would not be offered a 2009-2010 contract to teach.
- 9. On May 20, 2009, an <u>Information</u> and <u>Arrestee Information and Probable Cause Sheet</u> were filed in Cowlitz County Superior Court charging Dustin King with four (4) counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090; Cowlitz County Superior Court Cause # 09-1-00530-1.
- 10. Between May 18, 2009 and June 12, 2009, Dustin King exchanged text messages with the female Castle Rock High School student. Castle Rock Police Department conducted an investigation on June 12, 2009 and Dustin King was arrested and booked into the Cowlitz County Jail for violation of pre-trial release conditions and violation of a sexual assault protection order; Castle Rock Police Department report #09-709.

- 12. On October 13, 2009, an <u>Amended Information</u> was filed in Cowlitz County Superior Court charging Dustin King with four (4) counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090, and two (2) counts of Violation of Protection Order, RCW 26.50.110; Cowlitz County Superior Court Cause # 09-1-00530-1.
- 12. On October 13, 2009, Dustin King signed a <u>Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty</u>, pleading guilty to Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes and two (2) counts of Violation of a Protection Order.
- 13. On November 3, 2009, Dustin King was found guilty and sentenced in Cowlitz County Superior Court.
- 14. Dustin King has not responded to OPP after being advised of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090.
- 15. Dustin King 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.
- 16. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Dustin King and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 457551J, of Dustin King, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.
- 3. Dustin King has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-060 WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

<u>ORDER</u>

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 457551J, of Dustin King be permanently revoked.

DATED This 22nd day of february, 2010.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

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