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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D10-09-055
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Joseph Jensen)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 465694H)	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. 465694H, of Joseph Jensen, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Joseph Jensen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 465694H, on August
 21, 2009. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Joseph Jensen was employed by the Prosser School District.

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- 3. On September 3, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Prosser School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Joseph Jensen.
- 4. In June of 2010, while visiting family members in Springville, Utah, Joseph Jensen had thoughts about sexually touching his 3 year old niece, C.J.; Richland Police Department Report #10-20096 and Springville, Utah Police Department Incident Report #10SV08710.
- 5. In June of 2010, Joseph Jensen, while C.J. was asleep near Joseph Jensen's four year old and seven year old daughters, placed his hands under C.J.'s pants and underwear and touched her genitals with his bare hand. Joseph Jensen denied penetration of C.J.'s genitals; Richland Police Department Report #10-20096 and Springville, Utah Police Department Incident Report #10SV08710.
- 6. On August 24, 2010, Joseph Jensen entered the Richland, WA Police Department station and voluntarily reported his sexual touching of C.J. to a Richland Police Department detective/officer; Richland Police Department Report #10-20096 and Springville, Utah Police Department Incident Report #10SV08710.

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- 7. On August 25, 2010, Richland, WA Police Department contacted Springville, Utah Police Department and reported Joseph Jensen's disclosure; Richland Police Department Report #10-20096 and Springville, Utah Police Department Incident Report #10SV08710.
- 8. On August 25, 2010, Joseph Jensen disclosed the sexual touching of his 3 year old niece and his reporting of the incident to law enforcement to Prosser School District personnel.
- 9. On August 27, 2010, Joseph Jensen submitted his resignation to the Prosser School District; effective August 27, 2010.
- 10. On October 12, 2010, an <u>Information</u> was filed in 4th District Court Provo, Utah County, Utah charging Joseph Jensen with Attempted Sexual Abuse of a Child 2nd Degree, Utah Criminal Code 76-5-404.1; Case Number 101403134.
- 11. On March 3, 2011, in 4th District Court Provo, Utah County, Utah, Joseph Jensen pled guilty to Attempted Sexual Abuse of a Child 2nd Degree, Utah Criminal Code 76-5-404.1; Case Number 101403134.
- 12. On May 26, 2011, in 4th District Court Provo, Utah County, Utah, Joseph Jensen was found guilty by plea and sentenced; Case Number 101403134.

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- 13. Utah Criminal Code 76-5-404.1, Attempted Sexual Abuse of a Child 2nd Degree, is similar in language to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.083, Child Molestation in the 1st Degree.
- 14. Joseph Jensen 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.
- 15. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Joseph Jensen and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 465694H, of Joseph Jensen, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.
- 3. Joseph Jensen has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 465694H, of Joseph Jensen be permanently revoked.

DATED This day of August, 2011.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

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