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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D11-06-032
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MATTHEW JONES)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 456661H)	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. D11-06-032, of Matthew Jones, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Matthew Jones was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 456661H, on July 28, 2008. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Matthew Jones was employed by the Bellevue School District.

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- 3. On June 7, 2011, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from Amalia Cudeiro, the superintendent of the Bellevue School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Matthew Jones.
- 4. On or about July 2010 to March 20, 2011, Matthew Jones had an inappropriate relationship with B.R., a Bellevue School District female student, to include, but not limited to sexual intercourse. B.R. turned 16 years of age in September 2010.
- 5. On March 20, 2011, Bellevue Police Department initiated an investigation when officers observed Matthew Jones' vehicle illegally parked in Lattawood City Park in Bellevue. When the vehicle was checked, officers found Matthew Jones and B.R. naked in the back seat. Matthew Jones was arrested for Rape of a child in the 3rd Degree (RCW 9A.44.079) and Park rules Violation of closing times (3.43.330); Bellevue Police Department Case No. 11-14016.
- 6. On March 20, 2011, Matthew Jones resigned from the Bellevue School District via email to Principal Dion Yahoudy.
- 7. On April 1, 2011, an <u>Information</u> and <u>Motion</u>, <u>Finding of Probable Cause and Order Directing Issuance of Summons or Warrant and Fixing Bail</u>, were filed in King County Superior Court charging Matthew Jones with Rape of a Child in the Third Degree, RCW 9A.44.079 and Child Molestation in the Third Degree, RCW 9A.44.093(1)(b); Case No. 11-1-02119-6 SEA.

- 8. On September 21, 2011, an <u>Amended Information</u> was filed in King County Superior Court charging Matthew Jones, with two (2) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree, RCW 9A.44.093(3)(b); King County Superior Court Cause No. 11-1-02119-6 SEA.
- 9. On September 21, 2011, a <u>Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Felony Sex</u> <u>Offense</u> was filed in King County Superior Court, where Matthew Jones admitted to a sexual relationship with B.R., a prior student, with the sexual contact beginning when B.R. was 15 years old; King County Superior Court Cause No. 11-1-02119-6 SEA.
- 10. On October 28, 2011, Matthew Jones was found guilty, by plea, and sentenced; King County Superior Court Cause No. 11-1-02119-6 SEA.
- 11. In November 2011, Matthew Jones was given the opportunity to submit a statement to OPP, as per RCW 28A.410.090. As of January 10, 2012, OPP has not received a response from Matthew Jones.
- 12. Matthew Jones 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.
- 13. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.	OSPI has jurisdiction over Matthew Jones and over the subject matter of this action						
2.	OSPI has shown by cle	ear and conv	rincing eviden	ce that the W	ashington Education		
Certif	icate, No. 456661H, of Ma	atthew Jones,	should be rev	oked, as provid	led for in WAC 181		
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3.	Matthew Jones has viola	ted: RCW 28	A.410.090, W	AC 181-87-08	0, WAC 181-87-060		
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ORDER

Therefore, it is h	ereby ordered t	hat the Washington Ed	hucation Certificate,	No. 456661H,
of Matthew Jones be per	manently revok	red.		•
DATED This	72	day of Marc	L,	2012.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

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