



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D04-04-027
	)	
Ande Stritmatter	)	ORDER OF PERMANENT
Certificate No. 199795F	)	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. 199795F, of Ande Stritmatter, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ande Stritmatter was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 199795F, on September 1, 1973. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Ande Stritmatter was employed by the Ellensburg School District.
3. On April 16, 2004, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter, from the Superintendent of the Wahluke School District, alleging a lack of good



moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Ande Stritmatter.

4. On July 25, 2005, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter, from the Superintendent of the Ellensburg School District, alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Ande Stritmatter.

5. On June 29, 2005, an Information, No. 05-1-00201-7, was filed in Kittitas County Superior Court charging Mr. Stritmatter with: 2 counts of Rape of a Child 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.079; 2 counts of Child Molestation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.089; 2 counts of Incest in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.64.020(1); Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.093 (1)(a); and Incest in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.64.020(2).

6. Mr. Stritmatter resigned his employment with the Ellensburg School District on July 21, 2005.

7. On November 29, 2005, Mr. Stritmatter signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Sex Offense, in which he pleaded guilty to Child Molestation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.089, a Class C felony.

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8. On February 6, 2006, Mr. Stritmatter was sentenced to: \$800 total court costs and fines; HIV testing; six (6) months confinement, with credit for 71 days previously served; one (1) year community custody through the Department of Corrections; and Sex and Kidnapping Offender Registration. As part of the Felony Judgment and Sentence, the Court dismissed Count 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 of the original indictment.

9. Ande Stritmatter 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.

11. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Ande Stritmatter and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 199795F, of Ande Stritmatter, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. Ande Stritmatter has violated WAC 180-86-013, WAC 180-86-014, and/or RCW 28A.410.090

**ORDER**

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 199795F, of Ande Stritmatter be permanently revoked.

This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction

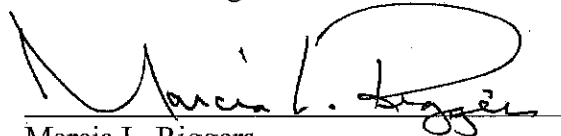
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DATED This 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

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