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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D00-07-092
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)	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
JOHN TAYLOR)	
Certificate No. 216483H)	
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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 suspend the Washington Education Certificate No. 216483H, of JOHN TAYLOR for a minimum of twelve (12) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. John Taylor was issued a Washington education certificate, No. 216483H, on July 1, 1976. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. John Taylor was employed by the Oakesdale School District.
3. On July 17, 2000, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Oakesdale 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 John Taylor.

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4. On or about May 25, 2000, John Taylor boarded a school bus to talk with a female student athlete while ignoring requests from female athletes not to come to the rear of the bus because they were changing clothes. John Taylor proceeded to the rear of the bus and gave a female athlete a side hug and then left the bus. John Taylor made inappropriate verbal comments to a female student between December 1999 and June 2000. Based upon these actions, John Taylor entered into an Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension (AOSS) with the Office of Professional Practices on February 5, 2001. The following stipulations were to be followed for thirty-six months from the dated of entry of the AOSS:

1) John Taylor will have no violations of WAC 180-86-013/014, WAC 180-87, or RCW 28A.410.090.

2) John Taylor must keep OPP apprised of any change in name, address, telephone number, and employment status.

3) Should John Taylor decide to pursue an education certificate in a state other than the state of Washington, John Taylor agrees to provide a copy of this Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension to the Department of Education in that state.

4) John Taylor will refrain from any physical contact with female students except in the case of a medical emergency.

5) John Taylor will have no similar proven allegations or repeated behavior as described in the Findings of Fact.

6) John Taylor will provide a copy of this agreement to their employing superintendent/administrator upon initiation of employment in any Washington public or private school district or educational service district. The superintendent/administrator will notify OPP that the agreement has been submitted.

7) If John Taylor's employing superintendent/administrator changes, or if John Taylor changes education employment, John Taylor's new superintendent/administrator must also be apprised of this agreement.

8) John Taylor must respond in a timely manner to all requests by OPP, both by telephone and by correspondence.

5. The AOSS also included the following: Adherence to this Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension and fulfillment of the stipulations are the responsibility of John Taylor. John Taylor will not be prompted by OPP to carry out these duties. If John Taylor fails to adhere to the stipulations of this agreement, John Taylor's Washington education certificate will be suspended immediately. John Taylor will have no appeal rights to that suspension. The waiver of appeal is only to the suspension that is the subject matter of this order. It would not apply to any new disciplinary imposed or proposed to be imposed by OPP.

6. On May 8, 2001, John Taylor renewed his teaching license in the state of Utah. John Taylor did not provide a copy of his AOSS to the state of Utah's Department of Education upon pursuing the renewal of his Utah teaching license, as required in his AOSS.

7. In approximately August, 2001, John Taylor changed his educational employment and became employed by the Jordan School District in the state of Utah. John Taylor did not apprise his employing superintendent/administrator in the Jordan School District of his AOSS until September 19, 2003.

8. John Taylor did not keep OPP apprised of his change of address, telephone number and employment status, as required in his AOSS, when he relocated to Utah in the spring of 2001 and became employed by the Jordan School District approximately August, 2001. On October 2, 2003, OPP received a letter from John Taylor, notifying OPP of his change of address, telephone number and employment status.

9. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over John Taylor and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 216483H, of John Taylor, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. John Taylor has violated WAC 180-87-070, in which he violated his Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension, issued February 5, 2001.

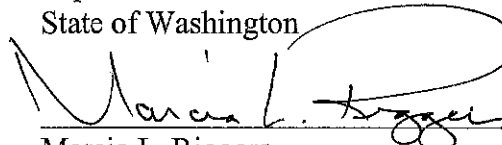
ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 216483H, of John Taylor be suspended for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having John Taylor's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED This 2nd day of ~~January~~ ^{February}, 2004.

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