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February 26, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ralph E. Willcox c/o Richard Bechtolt, Attorney at Law 1516 W Riverside Ave Spokane, WA 99201-1241

RE: Certificate No. 383311H OPP No. D03-09-080

Dear Mr. Willcox:

Thirty days have transpired since your receipt of the Order of Revocation issued by the Office of Professional Practices. You have not appealed that Order of Revocation.

Therefore, the order is now considered final.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Schreck, Director, Office of Professional Practices at (360) 725-6136.

Sincerely,

Marcia L. Riggers Assistant Superintendent Student Support and Operations

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cc: Richard Bechtolt, Attorney at Law Sue Pennington

1, <u>1/04/1/0.000</u>, certify that on <u>3/1/04</u>, I mailed a copy of this document, certified & postage prepaid, to all parties or their counsel of record. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and counsel of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.



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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF

Ralph E. Willcox Certificate No. 383311H OPP No. D03-09-080

ORDER OF 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 abovereferenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby revoke the Washington education certificate, No. 383311H, of Ralph E. Willcox, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ralph E. Willcox was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 383311H, on January 30, 2001. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Ralph E. Willcox was employed by the Diocese of Spokane Catholic Schools.

3. On August 29, 2003, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-86 by Ralph E. Willcox.

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4. On November 6, 2003, Ralph E. Willcox pled guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes (RCW 9.68A.090). The victim was a 14 year-old male acquaintance.

5. Ralph E. Willcox was required to register as a sex offender as a part of the sentencing for this crime.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Ralph Willcox and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington education certificate, No. 383311H, of Ralph Willcox, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. Ralph E. Willcox has violated WAC 180-86-013 and 180-86-014.

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RALPH WILLCOX ORDER OF REVOCATION

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<u>ORDER</u>

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 383311H, of Ralph E. Willcox be revoked.

DATED This 19th day of <u>December</u>, 2003.

DR. TERRY BERGESON Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

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Marcia L. Riggers Assistant Superintendent Student Support and Operations