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certify that on December 4, 2006, 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 correct.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)
RUSSELL A. WODEHOUSE)
CERTIFICATE NO. 367531A)
_____)

OPP No. D04-04-028
FINAL ORDER OF
REVOCATION

COMES NOW Arlene Hett, Review Officer of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), having reviewed the files of the above-referenced case, and having considered the arguments of each party and the recommendation of the Admissions and Professional Conduct Advisory Committee, does hereby order that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 367531A, of Russell A. Wodehouse be revoked based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Russell A. Wodehouse was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 367531A, on March 1, 1999. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Russell A. Wodehouse was employed by the Kennewick School District.
3. On April 23, 2004, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Kennewick 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) 181-87, by Russell A. Wodehouse.

4. During the 2002-2003 school Mr. Wodehouse participated in a "Cosmo Quiz" out of Cosmopolitan magazine. This quiz was titled "Are you good in bed?", and dealt with sexually explicit issues. The quiz was taken by Mr. Wodehouse and five to seven male and female students in the auditorium of Kennewick High School.
5. During the 2002-2003 school year, Russell Wodehouse had a female student, S.H., alone in his office, and kissed her. These kisses were full on the mouth with his tongue. On one occasion Mr. Wodehouse placed a hand on this student's buttocks while kissing her.
6. During the 2002-2003 school year, Mr. Wodehouse frequently called a female high school student, S.H., talked with her about oral sex, sent her notes saying such things as "I want to hold you", and gave her gifts.
7. During the 2002-2003 school year, on a school trip to Central Washington University, Mr. Wodehouse asked a female student, S.H., to come to his room after everybody else was asleep.
8. During the 2002-2003 school year, after cast parties or plays, Mr. Wodehouse would let both male and female students spend time, or spend the night at his house. On one occasion, a male and a female student slept in the same room in his home overnight, with no supervision.
9. On February 4, 2003 Russell Wodehouse was placed on administrative leave by the Kennewick School District for investigation of allegations that he had "contact with students for romantic and intimate purposes."

10. On May 12, 2004, Russell Wodehouse was given a notice of termination by the Kennewick School District.

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 Russell A. Wodehouse and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 367531A, of Russell A. Wodehouse, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Russell A. Wodehouse has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 367531A, of Russell A. Wodehouse, be revoked.

This Order will become final thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of this order unless respondent files an appeal for a formal hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Please direct the appeal and request for formal hearing to Office of Superintendent of

Public Instruction, Administrative Law Office, Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia,
WA 98504-7200.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2006.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

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DR. ARLENE HETT
Review Officer