



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D11-03-014
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)	AGREED ORDER
Matthew Pedersen)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 419340E)	
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COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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 stipulate by and between the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Matthew Pedersen, that the Washington Education Certificate, No.419340E, of Matthew Pedersen, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Matthew Pedersen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 419340E, on August 29, 2003. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Matthew Pedersen was employed by the Bainbridge Island School District.

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3. On March 8, 2011, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Bainbridge Island 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 Matthew Pedersen.
4. During the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 school year, Matthew Pedersen used Bainbridge Island School District computer resources to access and attempt to access sexually explicit materials.
5. Bainbridge Island School District Policy No: 2315, Network Acceptable Use Guidelines/Internet Safety Policy states that: "(1) All use of the system must be in support of education and research and consistent with the mission of the district. (7) Use of the system to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material is prohibited."
6. On January 13, 2011, Matthew Pedersen was placed on paid administrative leave.
7. On January 28, 2011, Matthew Pedersen provided a written statement to the Bainbridge Island School District.
8. On February 23, 2011, Matthew Pedersen signed a settlement agreement with the Bainbridge Island School District in which he resigned his position effective August 31, 2011.
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 Matthew Pedersen and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 419340E, of Matthew Pedersen, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Matthew Pedersen has violated RCW 28A.410.090(1)(a), WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-86-013 and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 419340E, of Matthew Pedersen, be suspended for four (4) months from the date of entry of this Order.


Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Matthew Pedersen's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Matthew Pedersen's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, and/or any felony convictions

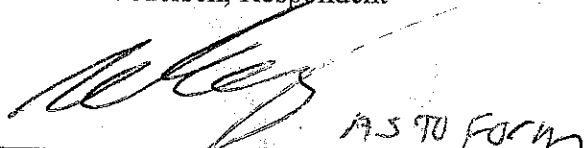
DATED This 30 day of April, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved
For entry:


Matthew Pedersen, Respondent


Martin T. Mueller
Assistant Superintendent
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