



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D15-01-008
	)	
Eric Spry	)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 486785R	)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
_____	)	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. 486785R, of Eric Spry, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Eric Spry was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 486785R, on January 11, 2012. That certificate expired on June 30, 2015.

2. Eric Spry was employed by the Fife School District.

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3. On January 23, 2015, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Fife School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Eric Spry.

4. During the 2014-2015 school year, Eric Spry had inappropriate interactions with M.S., a 15 year old female student. These interactions included, but are not limited to, hug/s and befriending a student through social media for non-educational purposes. Fife Police Department Case Number 2015000205

5. During the 2014-2015 school year, Eric Spry sent electronic messages to M.S. for purposes of initiating an inappropriate physical relationship. Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-1-00228-9; Fife Police Department Case Number 2015000205

6. On January 16, 2015, Eric Spry was arrested by Fife Police Department police officers and booked into Pierce County Jail for the charge of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9.68A.090(2). Fife Police Department Case Number 2015000205

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7. On January 20, 2015, an Information and Affidavit/Determination of Probable Cause were filed in Pierce County Superior Court charging Eric Spry with the felony crime of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090(2). Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-1-00228-9

8. On January 20, 2015, Eric Spry was placed on administrative leave by the Fife School District.

9. On March 10, 2015, pursuant to a search warrant for Eric Spry's cellphone, an image was a nude female, found on Eric Spry's cellphone, was confirmed to be part of an identified series of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. In addition to this image, images of clothed Fife School District female students were located on Eric Spry's cellphone. Fife Police Department Case Number 2015000205

10. On March 23, 2015, Eric Spry left a voicemail message for the assigned OPP investigator asking what the OPP process would be when the criminal charges were dropped.

11. On May, 13, 215, Eric Spry was issued a letter of non-renewal by the Fife School District; ending his employment effective August 31, 2015.

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12. On June 15, 2015, Eric Spry was sent a letter by OPP advising him of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct; as per RCW 28A.410.090. As of August 21, 2015, Eric Spry has not responded to OPP.

13. On August 21, 2015, Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty was filed in Pierce County Superior Court. In the Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty, Eric Spry stated, "On or about January 9, 2015, in Pierce County, Washington, I did communicate with a minor for immoral purposes by and through the sending of an electronic communication." Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-1-00228-9

14. On August 21, 2015, Eric Spry was found guilty, by plea, of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes and sentenced. Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-1-00228-9

15. Eric Spry has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(4). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.

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

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**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

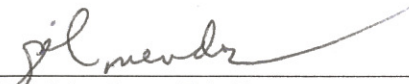
1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Eric Spry and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 486785R, of Eric Spry should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-87-060; WAC 181-87-080; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

**ORDER**

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 486785R, of Eric Spry be permanently revoked.

DATED This 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

  
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