



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D12-10-073
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	)	AGREED ORDER
LAUREN SANDERS	)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 367516B	)	
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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 Lauren Sanders, that the Washington Education Certificate, No.367516B, of Lauren Sanders, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDING OF FACTS

1. Lauren Sanders was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 367516B, on February 23, 1999. That certificate currently remains valid.
  
2. Lauren Sanders was employed by the Tukwila School District.
  
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3. On October 25, 2012, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Melody Matthes, Ed.D., the interim superintendent of the Tukwila 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 Lauren Sanders.
4. On October 8, 2012, Lauren Sanders kicked F.T., a 14 year old special needs male student on the thigh three times while F.T. was being disruptive and hiding under a table in the classroom.
5. On October 9, 2012, Lauren Sanders was placed on paid administrative leave by Interim Superintendent Melody Matthes, Ed.D.
5. On October 10, 2012, Tukwila Police Department initiated an investigation regarding the incident involving Lauren Sanders and F.T.; Tukwila Police Report Case No. 12-7129.
6. On October 19, 2012, Lauren Sanders signed a Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims with Tukwila School District.
7. On October 19, 2012, Lauren Sanders submitted a Letter of Resignation to the Tukwila School District.
8. On November 2, 2012, Lauren Sanders was issued Citation CR57510, charging her with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault (RCW 9A.36.041)

9. On July 8, 2013, Lauren Sanders signed a Stipulated Order of Continuance in Tukwila Municipal Court, dismissing with prejudice the 4<sup>th</sup> degree assault charge effective July 8, 2014; Tukwila Municipal Court Case No. CR0057510.

10. On July 15, 2014, Lauren Sanders was given the opportunity to interview with an OPP investigator.

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 Lauren Sanders and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 367515B, of Lauren Sanders, should be suspended for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-070, WAC 181-87-060

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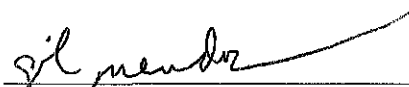
THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 367516B, of Lauren Sanders, be suspended for twelve (12) months from the date of entry of this Order.

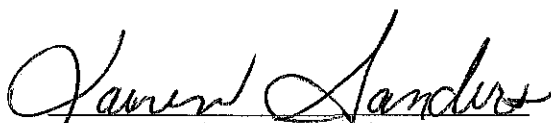
Reinstatement shall require: (1) submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Lauren Sanders' fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP); and (2) that if Lauren Sanders' education certificate expires during the period of suspension, Lauren Sanders will show that he meets all academic requirements for renewal/reinstatement of the education certificate. Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Lauren Sanders' fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, any felony convictions.

DATED This 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

RANDY I. DORN  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved  
For entry; notice of presentation  
waived:

By:   
Gil Mendoza, Ed.D.  
Interim Deputy Superintendent  
K-12 Education

  
Lauren Sanders, Respondent