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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D19-04-031
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MARIANA WHITE)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 480063G)	OF REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a criminal record report authorized by law enforcement regarding the above referenced educator, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that MARIANA WHITE ("Educator") engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct to include WAC 181-87-080 and WAC 181-87-060 and lacks the good moral character and personal fitness to be a certificated educator pursuant to WAC 181-86-013 and does hereby REVOKE the Educator's Washington Education Certificate No. 480063G based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On April 18, 2011, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 480063G. The Educator's certificate does not have a listed expiration date.
- 2. During the 2015–2016 school year, the Educator was employed by the Boone County School District in Kentucky at Cooper High School as a History teacher.
- 3. On or about March 26, 2019, the Office of Professional Practices ("OPP") within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction ("OSPI") received information through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) regarding action taken against the Educator by the State of Kentucky.

- 4. On June 30, 2016, the end of the 2015–2016 school year, the Educator sent an 11th grade male student ("Student A") a flirty message via Twitter. Student A replied and they began communicating via texts and SnapChat as well.
- 5. Over the course of the next few weeks, the Educator sent Student A several nude pictures of herself and requested he send her nude pictures of himself. The Educator also told the student several times via electronic communication methods that she wanted to meet him to have sex.
- 6. The Educator purchased marijuana and items she believed were marijuana from Student A. During one of these transactions, the Educator attempted to kiss Student A.
- 7. On or about July 11, 2016, the Boone County School District notified the Boone County Sheriff's Department that there were nude images of a teacher being passed around by Cooper High School students.
- 8. On or about October 4, 2016, the Educator was indicted in Boone County Circuit Court for Unlawful Use of Electronic Means to Induce a Minor in Sexual Activities K.R.S. 510.155, a felony, and Distribution of Obscene Matter to Minors First Offense K.R.S. 531.030, a misdemeanor. Case No. 16-CR-00677.
- 9. On or about August 17, 2017, the Educator pleaded guilty to Unlawful Transaction with a Minor in the Second Degree K.R.S. 530.065, and given a referral to the Kentucky Felony Diversion program. As part of her diversion program, the Educator was required to cooperate with her probation officer and complete sex offender treatment.
- 10. On or about November 27, 2018, the Educator was found in violation of her diversion program for failure to attend court ordered sex offender treatment and failure to cooperate with her probation officer. In lieu of a revocation of her diversion program, the court ordered the Educator more time in the diversion program to complete sex offender treatment.

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11. On December 11, 2017, the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board issued an Agreed Order accepting the surrender of the Educator's Kentucky education certificate and prohibiting her from reapplying at any time in the future.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Chapter 28A.410 RCW gives the Professional Educator Standards Board the authority to develop regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of the state of Washington. OSPI acts as the administrator of those statutes and regulations and has the authority to issue, reprimand, suspend, and revoke education certificates. RCW 28A.410.010; RCW 28A.410.090. Chapters 181-86 and 181-87 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) further implement OSPI's authority.
- 2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter of this action.
- 3. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-170, WAC 181-87-080, and WAC 181-87-060, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator committed acts of unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, attempting to kiss a student, sending and soliciting nude images to/from a student, and purchasing a controlled substance from a student.
- 4. Pursuant to WAC 181-87-170 and WAC 181-86-013/WAC 181-86-014, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator was convicted of a crime within the last ten years that materially and substantially impairs her worthiness and ability to be a certificated educator in Washington state.

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- 5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven factors, at a minimum, are to be considered to determine the appropriate level and range of educator discipline:
 - (1) The seriousness of the act(s) and the actual or potential harm to persons or property;
 - (2) The person's criminal history including the seriousness and amount of activity;
 - (3) The age and maturity level of participant(s) at the time of the activity;
 - (4) The proximity or remoteness of time in which the acts occurred;
 - (5) Any activity that demonstrates a disregard for health, safety or welfare;
 - (6) Any activity that demonstrates a behavioral problem;
 - (7) Any activity that demonstrates a lack of fitness;
 - (8) Any information submitted regarding discipline imposed by any governmental or private entity as a result of acts or omissions;
 - (9) Any information submitted that demonstrates aggravating or mitigating circumstances;
 - (10) Any information submitted to support character and fitness; and
 - (11) Any other relevant information submitted.
- 6. Based on the foregoing facts and considering them in light of the eleven factors enumerated in WAC 181-86-080, and in light of WAC 181-86-070, WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-87-060, and WAC 181-86-013/WAC 181-86-014, the Educator's education certificate should be revoked.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 480063G of MARIANA WHITE is **REVOKED.**

DATED this	2616	day of	August	, 2019.

CHRIS REYKDAL Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

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