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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D14-06-048
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ERIC ESTES)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 418471R)	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. 418471R, of Eric Estes, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Eric Estes was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 418471R, on August 17, 2005. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Eric Estes was employed by Vancouver Public Schools.

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3. On June 10, 2014, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from Steven Webb, Ed. D., the superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Eric Estes.

4. On or about 1998, while living at the Thomas-Palmer residence in Frederick, Maryland, Eric Estes, on more than one occasion, had inappropriate sexual contact with L.T-P., a 13 year old male juvenile who resided in the residence.

5. On November 20, 2007, Clark County Sheriff's Department received a complaint from Frederick Maryland Police Department regarding threats to Eric Estes by Ann Thomas-Palmer. Eric Estes had lived at the Thomas-Palmer residence in the late 1990's while he played baseball and Ann Thomas-Palmer discovered that Eric Estes had molested her son L.T-P., when he was 13. Ann Thomas-Palmer made threats to come to Washington to kill Eric Estes; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case No. 07-17136.

6. On November 20, 2007, Eric Estes was placed on paid administrative leave by Leland A. Goecke, Jr., Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Management.

7. On November 25, 2007, Frederick, Maryland Police Department initiated an investigation into allegations that Eric Estes had inappropriate sexual contact with L. T-P., a male who was 13 at the time of the contact; Frederick, Maryland Police Department Case No. 2007-066240..

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8. On November 28, 2007, Eric Estes was given a letter returning him to the classroom with clear expectations for behavior

9. On January 8, 2008, Missy Hallead, Executive Director, Human Resources gave Eric Estes a letter returning him to his coaching duties at Skyview High School with clear expectations for behavior.

10. On January 9, 2009, Eric Estes was given a memo written by Lee Goecke, informing him that Maryland authorities would not be pursuing the complaint and that the District had no basis to pursue their own investigation: Frederick Maryland Police Department Case No. 2007-066240.

11. On May 22, 2014, Frederick, Maryland Police Department reviewed and subsequently reopened the investigation regarding allegations of sexual abuse by Eric Estes that had occurred in the late 1990's involving L.T-P., a male juvenile, who was 13 at the time of the incidents; Frederick, Maryland police Case No. 2007-066240; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case No. 07-17136.

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12. On June 2, 2014, Eric Estes was placed on paid administrative leave by Darcy Rourk, Executive Director for Human Resources.

13. On June 11, 2014, Eric Estes was arrested by Clark County Sheriff's Office on a warrant issued out of Frederick, Maryland Police Department, for the crimes of Attempted 2nd Degree Sex Offense, 3rd Degree Sex Offense and Child Abuse; Frederick Maryland Police Department Case No. 2007-066240.

14. On June 11, 2014, an Application for Statement of Charges and a Statement of Charges were filed in the District Court of Maryland for Frederick County; Case No. 4U00077886.

15. On January 22, 2015, Eric Estes entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Child Abuse (Statute 27 35C (b) ((1)) in the District Court of Maryland for Frederick County which is equivalent or similar to Washington State statute RCW 9A.42.020 which describes the crime of Criminal Mistreatment in the 1st Degree, which is a class B felony; District Court Case No. 4U00077886

16. On January 29, 2015, Eric Estes resigned from Vancouver Public Schools.

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17. Eric Estes has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(3). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Eric Este and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 418471R, of Eric Estes, 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 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

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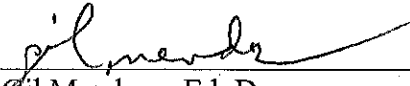
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ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 418471R,
of Eric Estes be permanently revoked.

DATED This 2nd day of July, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Gil Mendoza, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
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