



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D20-12-062
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AARON MYERS)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 433384E)	OF MANDATORY
)	PERMANENT REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from the Enumclaw School District (“School District”) regarding the above referenced Educator, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds that AARON MYERS (“Educator”) has been convicted of a crime listed in Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) 28A.400.322 and per RCW 28A.410.090(4) does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 433384E, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 31, 2006, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 433384E. The Educator’s certificate expired on June 30, 2022. The events described in the Findings of Fact occurred while the Educator’s certificate was valid.

2. During the 2020–2021 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at multiple schools as a School Psychologist.

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3. On December 15, 2020, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Dr. Shaun Carey, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator had been arrested for a felony sex crime involving minors.

4. From, at least, 2015 to December 2, 2020, the Educator used a peer-to-peer computer system to search for, download and access images of pre-pubescent and early teenage year males engaged in sexually explicit activity.

5. On December 3, 2020, the Educator was arrested by members of the Missing and Exploited Children’s Task Force (“MECTF”). The Educator admitted to using computer resources to download and access images of minor age males engaged in sexually explicit activity. The Educator was booked into Pierce County Jail on charges of Possession of Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, RCW 9.68A.070 and Dealing in Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, RCW 9.68A.050.

6. On December 3, 2020, the Educator was placed on administrative leave by the School District. The Educator submitted his resignation the same day.

7. On February 17, 2021, an Information and Declaration for Determination of Probable Cause were filed in Pierce County Superior Court, charging the Educator with four (4) counts of Possession of Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, RCW 9.68A.070.

8. On July 10, 2023, an Amended Information was filed in Pierce County Superior Court. The Amended Information charged the Educator with two (2) counts of Possession of Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, RCW 9.68A.070.

9. On July 10, 2023, a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty was filed in Pierce County Superior Court.

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10. On September 22, 2023, a Judgment and Sentence was filed in Pierce County Superior Court finding the Educator guilty, by plea, of two (2) counts of Possession of Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct 1st Degree, RCW 9.68A.070, a class B felony. The Educator was sentenced to: thirty-four (34) months confinement with credit for seventy-five (75) days served; eighty-six (86) months community custody; two-thousand dollar (\$2,000) fines with restitution to be determined later; no contact with minor children, other than biological children if approved by treatment provider; and, sex offender registration.

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 181-86-070, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of a crime specified in RCW 28A.410.090(4).

4. Pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4) and WAC 181-86-013(2), a plea of guilty or a conviction of Possession of Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Activity, RCW 9.68A.070, bars the certificate holder from any future practice as an education practitioner mandates OSPI to permanently revoke the Educator’s certificate.

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5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-170, WAC 181-86-013(4), and WAC 181-86-014, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has a behavioral problem that endangers the educational welfare or personal safety of students.

6. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-075, permanent revocation is appropriate discipline when (1) the superintendent of public instruction has determined that the education practitioner has committed a felony crime under WAC 181-86-013 (1) or (2) which bars the education practitioner from any future practice as an education practitioner.

7. 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.

8. 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 181-86-075, RCW 28A.410.090(4), and WAC 181-86, the Educator's education certificate should be permanently revoked for demonstrating a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013(1) and committing a felony crime under RCW 28A.410.090(4) which bars the Educator from any future practice as an educator.

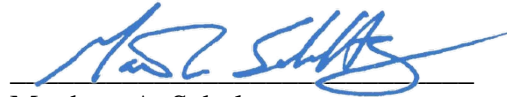
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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 433384E of AARON MYERS is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2023.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Matthew A. Schultz
Chief Legal and Civil Rights Officer