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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D12-03-012
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Barbara Del Mundo)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 424772B)	OF REVOCATION
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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 revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 424772B, of Barbara Del Mundo, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Barbara Del Mundo was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 424772B, on April 5, 2005. That certificate expired on June 30, 2012. The actions described in the following Findings of Fact occurred while Washington Education Certificate No. 424772B was valid.

2. Barbara Del Mundo was employed by the Seattle Public Schools.

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3. On March 1, 2012, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Seattle Public Schools alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Barbara Del Mundo.

4. During the 2007-2008 school year, Barbara Del Mundo was employed by the Hillsboro, Oregon School District as a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

5. In or about September of 2009, Barbara Del Mundo began the process for an application for Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) Interim Permit to the Washington state Department of Health (DOH) ; DOH Case #2010-14062-1.

6. In September 2009, Barbara Del Mundo was to begin employment with Community Home Health and Hospice, a community-based nonprofit agency providing home health care. Barbara Del Mundo delayed the start of her employment due to a motor vehicle collision and the death of her only child; licensing issues with her DOH application; DOH Case #2010-14062-1.

7. In September 2009, Barbara Del Mundo forged the name of her a co-worker stating the co-worker was her supervisor on an Acknowledgment of Responsibility form as part of her DOH application for SLP licensure; DOH Case #2010-14062-1.

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8. After Community Home Health and Hospice learned of Barbara Del Mundo's forging a signature, Barbara Del Mundo was terminated from Community Home Health and Hospice; DOH Case #2010-14062-1.

9. On October 1, 2009, Community Home Health and Hospice submitted a complaint to DOH regarding Barbara Del Mundo's misconduct as an SLP. During Community Home Health and Hospice's internal investigation, Barbara Del Mundo admitted to forging her supervisor's name on a DOH document; DOH Case #2010-14062-1

10. On October 13, 2009, DOH initiated an investigation. During the DOH investigation, among other comments, Barbara Del Mundo admitted to forging her supervisor's signature on an official form; DOH Case #2010-14062-1.

11. On April 29, 2010, DOH issued a Denial of Credential Application due to: Fraud in obtaining licensure or credential; attempt to forge supervisor's signature; and failure to provide response to allegations; DOH Case #2010-14062-1.

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12. On, or about, August 2, 2010, Barbara Del Mundo submitted an application for employment with the Parkrose, Oregon School District. On the application for employment, in the Work Experience section, Barbara Del Mundo intentionally omitted the Hillsboro School District and Community Home Health and Hospice from her employment history. In the Regional Questions section, Barbara Del Mundo falsely answered yes to the question of "Have you listed ALL current and former employers who are education providers in the Experience section of this application?"

13. On October 12, 2010, Barbara Del Mundo began employment with the Parkrose School District as an SLP.

14. On November 24, 2010, Barbara Del Mundo was placed on administrative leave for failure to provide scheduled and required SLP services to students, leaving students unattended, failure to follow service required in IEP's, and falsification of student IEP's.

15. Barbara Del Mundo resigned from the Parkrose School District, effective November 30, 2010.

16. On February 10, 2011, Community Rehab, a private company providing school based pediatric therapy services, received a resume from Barbara Del Mundo. The resume failed to list the Hillsboro and Parkrose School Districts and Community Home Health and Hospice as previous work experience.

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17. On March 18, 2011, Barbara Del Mundo accepted a conditional employment offer with Community Rehab. On March 30, 2011, Barbara Del Mundo submitted an application for employment with Community Rehab. On the application, Barbara Del Mundo failed to list Hillsboro School District, Parkrose School District and Community Home Health and Hospice in her employment history.

18. In March of 2011, Barbara Del Mundo participated in an employment interview with Gwen Estez-Zuehlke, Special Services Director for the Tukwila School District. Barbara Del Mundo presented a resume that intentionally omitted the Hillsboro School District, the Parkrose School District and Community Home Health and Hospice in the Work Experience section and verbally stated that she had been unemployed from 2007 to 2011 and that her daughter was a sophomore in the Seattle Public Schools.

19. In April 2011, Barbara Del Mundo, through Community Rehab, was assigned to provide contracted SLP services in the Tukwila School District.

20. From April 2011 to, and including, May 2011, Barbara Del Mundo failed to provide scheduled and required SLP therapy services to students in two Tukwila School District locations.

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21. In early June 2011, Barbara Del Mundo was requested by Ms. Estes-Zuehlke to attend a meeting to discuss her lack of providing services to students and to return school issued equipment. Barbara Del Mundo never attended a meeting with Ms. Estez-Zuehlke. Barbara Del Mundo failed to return Tukwila School District equipment and items to the Tukwila School District.

22. Community Rehab did not issue Barbara Del Mundo a termination letter due to her expired contract with the Tukwila School District and due to health issues reported to Community Rehab by Barbara Del Mundo and an unknown person claiming to be her sister.

23. On June 20, 2011, Barbara Del Mundo submitted an application for employment with the Kent School District. On the application, under Certified Experience, Barbara Del Mundo intentionally failed to list the Hillsboro School District, the Parkrose, Oregon School District and the Tukwila School District.

24. In the Background Questions section of the Kent School District application, Barbara Del Mundo intentionally falsely answered 'No' to the questions of "Have you ever been discharged, non-renewed, placed on probation or requested to resign from a position", "Are you currently or have you ever been the subject of any investigation or inquiry by an employee because of allegations of misconduct on your part?", "Have you ever had a certificate or license (1) subject to reprimand (2) revoked, suspended, or denied or (3) voluntarily relinquished to avoid revocation?", and two other similar questions regarding prior disciplinary action and/or loss of employment.

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25. On June 21, 2011, Seattle Public Schools received Barbara Del Mundo's application for employment as a speech language pathologist. On the application, under Work Experience, Barbara intentionally failed to list Hillsboro School District, the Parkrose, Oregon School District, the Tukwila School District, Community Rehab, and Community Home Health and Hospice.

26. In the Agency-Wide Questions section of the Seattle Public Schools application, Barbara Del Mundo intentionally falsely answered 'No' to the question of "Have you ever been discharged by an employer?". In the same section, Barbara Del Mundo intentionally failed to answer the questions of: Have you ever been disciplined, terminated, or non-renewed by a past or present employer; Have you ever resigned from a position while you were under investigation for misconduct, resigned from a position in lieu of termination, or resigned from a position while you were on probation or a performance improvement plan; have you ever been informed that you were under investigation by your current or a former employer; and how many years of certificated teaching experience do you have.

27. Between, and during, August 2011 to July 2012, Barbara Del Mundo enacted a fraudulent scheme to reside at 8011 11th Ave NW in Seattle, WA without paying rent and obtained approximately \$8,000 from Brian Scott; Seattle Police Department Report No. 2012-218899.

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28. During the 2011-2012 school year, Barbara Del Mundo, while serving as an SLP at Ryther Child Center and Roosevelt High School, among other duties and responsibilities, failed to provide speech and language therapeutic services to approximately forty-eight (48) students; failed to participate in the development of Individualized Education Plans (IEP) for sixteen (16) students; failed to complete required SLP reports and logs; and failed to return a Seattle Public School assigned laptop computer and other Seattle Public Schools equipment.

29. During the 2011-2012 school year, Barbara Del Mundo failed to return/report to work after November 10, 2011.

30. On December 1, 2011, Barbara Del Mundo sent Patricia Whitmore, Seattle Public Schools SLP Team Leader, an e-mail stating that she had been in California since around November 21, 2011 due to the unexpected death of her sister.

31. On January 9, 2012, the Kent School District offered Barbara Del Mundo a 1.0 FTE certificated ESA position for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

32. On January 23, 2012, the Seattle Public Schools issued Barbara Del Mundo a notice of recommendation to the Superintendent of probable cause for termination.

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33. On February 8, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo verbally told a Kimberly Wigginton, Kent School District Human Resources Specialist, that her daughter had a setback and Barbara Del Mundo would be in later in the week to complete paperwork. Barbara Del Mundo never returned to Kent School District to complete new applicant documents and did not serve in the Kent School District.

34. On February 27, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo was issued a notice of probable cause for termination by the Seattle Public Schools.

35. On March 12, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo received, and signed for, a notice of complaint from OPP advising her that the Seattle Public Schools had sent a letter of complaint and OPP had initiated an investigation

36. On March 13, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo submitted a signed letter to the Kent School District stating that she had no knowledge of a complaint relating to her Washington State ESA.

37. On June 26, 2012, the Seattle Public Schools contacted Seattle Police Department and reported the theft of district computer equipment by Barbara Del Mundo; Seattle Police Department Report No. 2012-200806.

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38. On July 12, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo called OPP and spoke with an investigator. Barbara Del Mundo made comments about, but not limited to, that she had never received notice from OPP of an open investigation; that she and her daughter had recently moved; and that she was in the domestic violence victim confidentiality program. Barbara Del Mundo was asked to provide court documents relating to being a victim of domestic violence.

39. Between, and during, July 16, 2012 and July 28, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo, while residing at [REDACTED] in Seattle, WA unlawfully and with intent to deprive took items belonging to her roommate and sold/pawned the items at Seattle area pawn shops and other stores and Barbara Del Mundo paid rent with a bank check written on a closed account. On August 23, 2012, the case report was forwarded to King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for consideration of charges of burglary and theft; Seattle Police Department Report No. 2012-248354 and Report No. 2012-259725.

40. On December 11, 2012, Barbara Del Mundo spoke, over the phone, with an OPP investigator. During the conversation, Barbara Del Mundo made comments about, but not limited to, that she had had an issue with alcohol and had been sober for approximately five (5) months; she had not undergone treatment because she didn't have that big a problem with alcohol; that she had returned Seattle Public Schools equipment; and that her employment issues had been the result of alcohol related black-outs; and she originally said the alcohol abuse started when her son died in 2005. Barbara Del Mundo was advised of her opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct was discussed.

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41. On January 2, 2012, after receiving no contact from Barbara Del Mundo, OPP sent Barbara Del Mundo a letter requesting an interview so that she had an opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct per RCW 28A.410.090. As of April 2, 2013, Barbara Del Mundo has not contacted OPP.

42. On January 3, 2013, a Criminal Complaint was filed in Seattle Municipal Court charging Barbara Del Mundo with Theft, Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 12A.08.060(A)(1) for theft of Seattle Public Schools equipment; Seattle Municipal Court Case No. 58377; Seattle Police Report # 12200806.

43. Barbara Del Mundo failed to appear for an intake hearing/arraignment on February 15, 2013. On February 27, 2013, Seattle Municipal Court issued an arrest warrant for Barbara Del Mundo; Seattle Municipal Court Case No. 583771.

44. 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 Barbara Del Mundo and over the subject matter of this action.

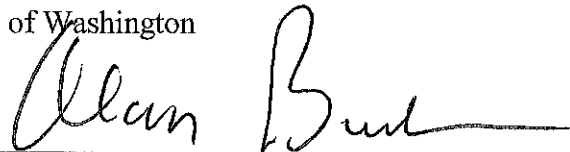
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 424772B, of Barbara Del Mundo, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-87-060; WAC 181-87-050WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 424772B, of Barbara Del Mundo be revoked.

DATED This 13 day of June, 2013.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education

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