



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
APPLICATION OF )  
LORINE EDWARDS )  
DOB: [REDACTED]/1957 )

OPP No. A04-12-0450  
DENIAL ORDER  
FOR CERTIFICATION

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 deny the education application of LORINE EDWARDS based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lorine Edwards applied for a Washington education certificate on September 20, 2004. Ms. Edwards previously held an initial teaching certificate dated February 21, 1991. That certificate expired August 31, 1995.

2. On the Character and Fitness Supplement, a part of the application process, Ms. Edwards answered 'yes' to questions 4, 8, 10 & 11 Section II, Professional Fitness, regarding adverse action taken against a certificate or license; having been dismissed from employment involving children or dependent adults; having been disciplined by a past employer because of allegations

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of misconduct and having been the subject of an investigation or inquiry by an employer because of allegations of misconduct. Ms. Edward answered 'no' to Question 5 regarding having ever been denied or otherwise rejected for cause, an education certificate, credential, or license.

3. In Section III, Criminal History, Ms. Edwards answered 'yes' to Question 2, regarding having been fingerprinted as a result of any arrest for any crime or violation of the law. She answered 'no' Question 1, regarding arrests for any crime or violation of the law in the last 10 years.

4. In Section IV, Fitness, Ms. Edwards answered 'yes' to Questions 2, 4, and 13, regarding engaging in conduct which resulted in the damage or destruction of property; engaging in conduct which resulted in the physical injury or harm of any person and currently in non-compliance with a support order.

5. Lorine Edwards submitted a written explanation in regard to her affirmative answers on the Character and Fitness Supplement. In regard to her yes answers in Section II, Professional Fitness. Ms. Edwards stated the following: Question 4, Drivers license 1980s suspended speeding ticket. Question 5, her Washington State teaching certificate was not renewed. It was stated that she answered a question falsely. She was unaware of the mistake. Question 8, in regard to her previous employment it was said that she gave permission to a youth to live with an unauthorized parent. Question 10, misconduct based on ability to fulfill duties. The agency discharged her because she was aware of fraudulent acts to complete files. Question 11, she was dismissed after a two week suspension for allowing an adolescent to live with unauthorized

parent in the year 2000. In regard to her 'yes' answers in Section III, Criminal History, Ms. Edwards stated the following: Question 2, she and her husband separated. She left him and they had a fight. He pressed charges against her and she was arrested and released. In regard to her yes answers in Section IV, Fitness, Ms. Edwards stated the following: Question 2, during a fight in 2001, she and her husband damaged each others cars. She put two small dents in his hood with a water hose. Question 4, while she and her husband fought she hit him with the heel of her shoe causing a bump on his head. In 1976, she was married at 17. After a year of abuse she left and he stalked her. He came to her mother's home and grabbed her and reached for his gun. She shot first and was arrested, held and released after two weeks. She was never convicted and never went to trial. Ms. Edwards did not submit a response to Question 13 regarding non-compliance with a support order.

6. On May 5, 2000, Ms. Edwards' employment as an Adolescent Offender Program (AOP) Counselor at Warren-Washington-Issaquena-Sharkey Community Action Agency, Inc. (WWISCA) was terminated for allowing a child to live with an unauthorized, non-custodial parent.

7. Delta Regional Medical Center was unable to provide documentation of the employment or the termination of Ms. Edwards as their records are only retained for a seven year time period. Ms. Edwards states that no children were involved with this employment. She was dismissed for retaliation of assault by fellow employee.

8. On May 11, 2001, Lorine Edwards was arrested by the Greenville Police Department for Domestic Assault and Malicious Mischief. Ms. Edwards plead not guilty and the files were passed to the motion of the prosecutor for six months.

9. On September 16, 1998, an Order of Denial of Certification was issued to Lorine Edwards by the Office of Professional Practices for twice falsifying her application for a Washington education certificate. Once upon her original application on February 19, 1990 and again on her application dated May 18, 1997.

10. Good moral character and personal fitness is a requirement to attain a Washington education certificate.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Lorine Edwards and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Lorine Edwards has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence of good moral character or personal fitness to receive a Washington education certificate, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-86-170.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the application for certification of Lorine Edwards is denied.

This order may be appealed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt, pursuant to Chapter 181-86 WAC, copy enclosed.

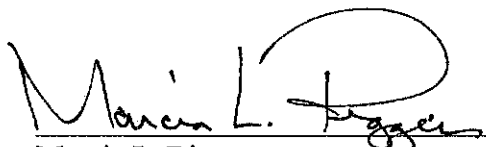
This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

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DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

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