



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D10-10-059
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NATHAN BOTNEN	)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 429792E	)	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. 429792E, of Nathan Botnen, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Nathan Botnen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 429792E, on September 19, 2005.

2. Nathan Botnen was employed by the Vancouver School District.

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3. On October 11, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the 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 Nathan Botnen.

4. During the 2007-2008 school year, Nathan Botnen engaged in an inappropriate relationship with A.N., a 17 year old female student of the Vancouver Public Schools; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case #10-14696.

5. On more than thirty (30) occasions between March 20, 2008 and July 28, 2008, Nathan Botnen had sexual intercourse and contact with A.N., a 17 year old female student of the Vancouver Public Schools; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case #10-14696.

6. On October 7, 2010, Nathan Botnen was interviewed by detectives from the Clark County Sheriff's Department. During the interview, Nathan Botnen admitted to having had sexual intercourse with A.N. Nathan Botnen was arrested for thirty (30) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree; Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.093.

7. On October 7, 2010, a Probable Cause Sheet was filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Nathan Botnen with thirty (30) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.093; Clark County Superior Court Cause #10-1-01658-9.

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8. On October 8, 2010, Nathan Botnen was placed on administrative leave.
  
9. On October 12, 2010, an Information was filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Nathan Botnen with five (5) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.093; Clark County Superior Court Cause #10-1-01658-9.
  
10. On November 18, 2010, Nathan Botnen submitted his resignation effective October 31, 2010.
  
11. On December 2, 2010, Nathan Botnen signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Sex Offense, in the Clark County Superior Court, pleading guilty to two (2) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Clark County Superior Court Cause #10-1-01658-9.
  
12. On January 6, 2011, Nathan Botnen was found guilty, by plea, of two (2) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.44.093 and sentenced.
  
13. On January 6, 2011, Nathan Botnen was advised of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct, per RCW 28A.41.090. As of February 10, 2011, Nathan Botnen has not provided a response.

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14. Nathan Botnen 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.

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

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Nathan Botnen and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 429792E, of Nathan Botnen, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Nathan Botnen has violated: RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-86-013 and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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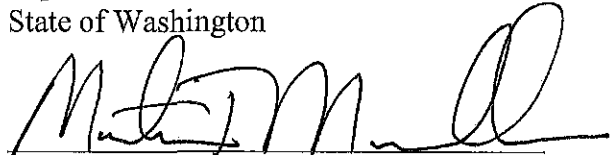
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**ORDER**

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 429792E,  
of Nathan Botnen be permanently revoked.

DATED This 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

RANDY I. DORN  
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