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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D07-11-104
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WILLIAM PICKEREL)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 106859B)	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. 106859B, of William Pickerel, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William Pickerel was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 106859B, on March 18, 1960. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. William Pickerel was employed by the Kennewick School District as a substitute teacher.
3. On October 31, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Marlis Lindbloom, superintendent of the Kennewick School District,

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alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by William Pickerel.

4. William Pickerel 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 Washington Education Certificate No. 106859B, issued to William Pickerel.

5. On August 8, 2007, Kennewick Police Department initiated an investigation against William Pickerel, alleging inappropriate sexual contact with SS, a 17 year old male (Kennewick Police Report #07-24077).

6. On October 19, 2007, William Pickerel was arrested on 2 Counts of Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree (RCW 9A.44.093(1)(b)), which occurred in Seattle. William Pickerel was booked in the Benton County Jail for Seattle Police Department's investigation (Seattle Police Report #07-358251).

7. On October 23, 2007, William Pickerel was referred to the Benton County Prosecutor for consideration of the charge of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree (RCW 9A.44.093(1)(b)).

8. On October 24, 2007, an Amended Motion for Arrest/Detention (Probable Cause) was filed with Benton County Superior Court (Benton County Superior Court Case #07-1-01048-7).

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9. On October 24, 2007, an Amended Information was filed with Benton County Superior Court alleging William Pickerel committed Sexual Assault with a Minor in the First Degree and Sexual Assault with a Minor in the Second Degree (RCW 9A.44.096(1)(b)).

10. On November 29, 2007, an Information was filed in King County Superior Court charging William Pickerel of the following crimes: 2 counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree, 1 count of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the Second Degree and 2 counts of Child Molestation in the Third Degree (King County Superior Court Case # 07-1-7767-3 SEA).

11. On April 8, 2008, William Pickerel entered into a Felony Plea Agreement in King County Superior Court.

12. On May 14, 2008, an Amended Information was filed in King County Superior Court accusing William Pickerel with the following crimes: 2 counts Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree (RCW 9A.44.093(1)(b)), 1 count Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the Second Degree (RCW 9A.44.086), and 2 counts Child Molestation in the Third Degree (RCW 9A.44.089).

13. On June 20, 2008, William Pickerel received an exceptional sentence term totaling 120 months in prison, to be served as follows: 60 months on Counts 1, 3, (Sexual Misconduct w/a Minor in the First Degree, and Count 4 (Child Molestation in the Third Degree), to run concurrently to one another, and 60 months on Count 5 (Child Molestation in the Third Degree),

to run consecutively with Counts 1, 3, and 4. William Pickerel is required to pay \$100.00 DNA collection fee, \$600.00 court costs and submit to HIV testing. On Count 2, (Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the Second Degree, William Pickerel was sentenced to 200 days in the King County Jail with credit for time served; 24 months probation to run concurrently with felony counts 1, 3, and 4, under the same cause number (King County Superior Court Cause No. 07-1-07767-3 SEA); fined \$500.00 and restitution (To be determined); obtain a state certified sexual deviancy evaluation and follow all treatment recommended by evaluator, treatment provider and CCO; Submit to polygraph exams at CCO request to monitor compliance with conditions of probation; no possession or viewing of child pornography; no contact with minors (under age 18) except by responsible adult that has knowledge of these conditions and this order. William Pickerel is ordered to have no contact with: S.S., J.F., D.L., G.W., and J.G for the maximum term of 5 years.

14. On July 7, 2008, a Motion/Affidavit/Order of Dismissal was filed in Benton County Superior Court ordering that the cause against William Pickerel be dismissed with prejudice.

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 William Pickerel and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 106859B, of William Pickerel, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. William Pickerel has violated: WAC 181-87, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014, and RCW 28A.410.090.

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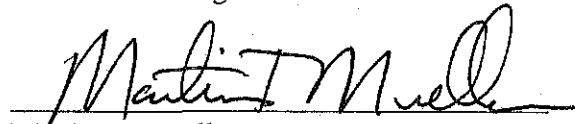
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ORDER

It has been thirty days since the Proposed Order of Mandatory Permanent Revocation was received. The appeal time period has passed. It is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 106859B, of William Pickerel is revoked.

DATED This 15th day of October, 2008.

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State of Washington



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