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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D07-08-083
)	
Bruce Edwards)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 392092C)	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. 392092C, of Bruce Edwards, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bruce Edwards was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 392092C, on July 27, 2001. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Bruce Edwards was employed by the Tacoma Public Schools.

3. On August 24, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter 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 Bruce Edwards.

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4. On November 21, 2006, Mr. Edwards allowed a 13 year old male special education student, [REDACTED], to take hold of his hand and place his hand on [REDACTED] genital area. Mr. Edwards allowed [REDACTED] to move his hand up and down [REDACTED] genital area for approximately 15 seconds.

5. On November 21, 2006, Mr. Edwards was placed on administrative leave by the Tacoma Public Schools.

6. On November 21, 2006, Tacoma Police Department initiated an investigation; Tacoma Police Department report #063250367.

7. On November 21, 2006, Mr. Edwards was arrested by Tacoma Police Department officers and booked into the Pierce County Jail on charges of misdemeanor Sexual Assault, Tacoma Municipal Code 8.12.090.

8. On March 26, 2007, an Information and Declaration for Determination of Probable Cause was filed in Pierce County Superior Court charging Mr. Edwards with Child Molestation in the 2nd Degree, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.086; Pierce County Superior Court Cause Number 07-1-01609-2.

9. On August 23, 2007, Mr. Edwards was sent a letter by Tacoma Public Schools confirming that as of November 21, 2006, he was not eligible for employment with the District.

10. On May 27, 2008, an Amended Information was filed in Pierce County Superior Court charging Mr. Edwards with Assault 3rd Degree, RCW 9A.36.031; Pierce County Superior Court Cause Number 07-1-01609-2.

11. On May 27, 2008, Mr. Edwards signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty; pleading guilty to Assault 3rd Degree. In the Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty and a signed Plea Agreement, Mr. Edwards states that he will stipulate to a permanent revocation of his teaching certificate.

12. On May 27, 2008, Mr. Edwards was found guilty by plea of Assault 3rd Degree, RCW 9A.36.031, and sentenced to: \$800 total fees and costs; Community Custody with the Washington State Department of Corrections for twenty-four (24) months; undergo available outpatient deviancy treatment; other terms of community custody; no non-incidentals unsupervised contact with minors; and other conditions.

13. On June 19, 2008, Mr. Edwards submitted a sworn statement in response to the allegations.

14. Bruce Edwards 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

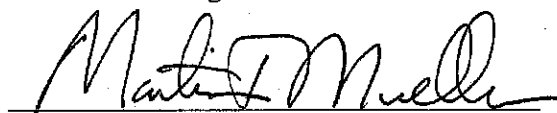
1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Bruce Edwards and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 392092C, of Bruce Edwards, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.
3. Bruce Edwards has violated WAC 181-87, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014, and/or RCW 28A.410.090.

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. 392092C, of Bruce Edwards is revoked.

DATED This 28th day of August, 2008.

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