



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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I, Mary Myrland, certify that on 8-23-01, I mailed a copy of this document, certified & postage prepaid, to all parties or their counsel of record. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
CERTIFICATE OF )

OPP No. D00-09-098

Suzanne J. Fitzgerald )  
Certificate No. 287124B )

FINAL ORDER OF )  
REVOCATION )

Thirty calendar days have transpired since the mailing to Suzanne J. Fitzgerald of a Proposed Order of Revocation. Suzanne J. Fitzgerald's failure to make a timely appeal of such order authorizes this agency to issue a Final Order of Revocation based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in the Proposed Order of Revocation. The following is hereby entered:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Suzanne Fitzgerald was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 287124B, on October 30, 1997. This certificate currently remains valid.
2. Suzanne Fitzgerald was employed by the Bellevue School District.

SUZANNE J. FITZGERALD  
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3. On August 23, 2000, the Office of Professional Practices, 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) 180-87, by Suzanne Fitzgerald.

4. During the spring of 1998, Suzanne Fitzgerald, along with a 17 year-old female student and a male student, checked out another 16 year-old male resident from the Spruce Street Group home in Seattle.

5. Suzanne Fitzgerald took the students to her home in the Magnolia area of Seattle. While en route to her home she stopped and bought the 17 year-old a pack of cigarettes.

6. While at her home Suzanne Fitzgerald, along with the students, "snorted crack" off of a picture frame on her dining table.

7. Suzanne Fitzgerald provided the students with rum and coke drinks.

8. Suzanne Fitzgerald asked and paid students to purchase illegal drugs for her. On several occasions she offered to give students extra school credits for drugs.

9. Suzanne Fitzgerald signed students out for field trips so they could purchase "crack" for her.

10. On June 9, 2000, Superintendent Michael Riley placed Suzanne Fitzgerald on administrative suspension allegedly soliciting, receiving, using and/or providing illegal drugs to students.

11. Effective August 15, 2000, Suzanne Fitzgerald resigned from the Bellevue School District.

12. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington education certificate.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Suzanne Fitzgerald and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington education certificate, No. 287124B, of Suzanne Fitzgerald, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. Suzanne Fitzgerald has violated WAC 180-87, WAC 180-86-013 and WAC 180-86-014.

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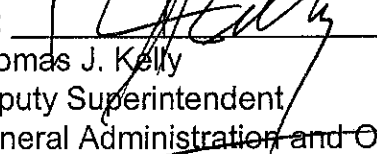
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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 287124B, of Suzanne J. Fitzgerald be revoked.

DATED This 22nd day of August, 2001.

DR. TERRY BERGESON  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

By:   
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