



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D08-07-052
	)	
Barbara Griffin	)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 355622B	)	OF 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 revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 355622B, of Barbara Griffin, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Barbara Griffin was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 355622B, on August 15, 1997. That certificate expired on June 30, 2008. The actions described in the following Findings of Fact occurred while Washington Education Certificate No. 355622B was valid

2. Barbara Griffin was employed by the Chief Leschi Schools.

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3. On July 1, 2008, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Chief Leschi Schools alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Barbara Griffin.

4. In May of 2008, Ms. Griffin, while working as a para-educator in an ECEAP classroom, was attempting to bring a 3-year old female student into the classroom from the hallway.

The 3-year old student was not complying with directions and was lying on the floor of the hallway. Ms. Griffin picked up and dropped the 3-year old student three times before the student entered the classroom.

5. On May 15, 2008, Ms. Griffin submitted a written statement to Joey Pelgrim, administrator at Chief Leschi Schools.

6. On May 16, 2008, Ms. Griffin was placed on administrative leave.

7. On May 21, 2008, Ms. Griffin was issued a Notice of Termination from the Chief Leschi Schools.

8. On May 28, 2008, Ms. Griffin requested a Personnel Committee review of her termination. Ms. Griffin later submitted a letter advising that she had decided not to exercise her rights to a hearing.

9. On August 27, 2008, Ms. Griffin participated in an interview with an OPP investigator. Ms. Griffin submitted a written statement to OPP on September 30, 2008.

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

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Barbara Griffin and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 355622B, of Barbara Griffin, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.
3. Barbara Griffin has violated WAC 181-87-060, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 180-86-014 and/or WAC 392-400-235.

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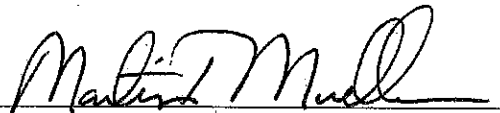
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**ORDER**

It has been thirty days since the Proposed Order of Revocation was received. The appeal time period has passed. It is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 355622B, of Barbara Griffin is revoked.

DATED This 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

DR. TERRY BERGESON  
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