



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)
JAMES J. HARRIS)
Certificate No. 395047D)

OPP No. D03-03-035
ORDER 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. 395047D, of JAMES J. HARRIS, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. James J. Harris was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 395047D, on February 4, 2002. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. James J. Harris was employed by the Vancouver School District.
3. On March 17, 2003, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Dr. John Erickson, Superintendent of the Vancouver School District, 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 James J. Harris.

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4. During the 2002 - 2003 school year, James J. Harris had an inappropriate sexual relationship with a female student under the age of eighteen.

5. On December 30, 2003, James J. Harris pled guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the Second Degree (RCW: 9A.44.096).

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over James J. Harris and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington education certificate, No. 395047D, of James J. Harris, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. James J. Harris has violated WACs: 180-86-013, 180-86-014, and 180-87-080.

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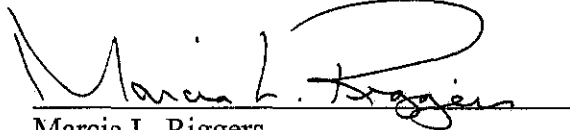
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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 395047D, of James J. Harris be revoked.

DATED This 26th day of February, 2004.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia L. Riggers", written over a horizontal line.

Marcia L. Riggers
Assistant Superintendent
Student Support and Operations