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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D08-01-001
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KRISTEEN HELLAND - KAPPENMAN)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 291203H)	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. 291203H, of Kristeen Helland-Kappenman, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kristeen Helland was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 291203H, on April 25, 1989. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Kristeen Helland was self-employed as an unlicensed daycare provider.
3. On January 14, 2008, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, became aware of criminal charges alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional

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Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87 and/or RCW 28A.410.090(3), by Kristeen Helland-Kappenman.

4. Kristeen Helland has pleaded guilty 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.

5. On July 3, 2007 Kristeen Helland submitted a hand written letter to the Department of Early Learning stating that she had chosen to voluntarily close her "Child Care Home" on that date.

6. On November 28, 2007, two workers from the Department of Early Learning, went to the home of Kristeen Helland-Kappenman to investigate the operation of an unlicensed daycare. Workers made contact with a small child in the window, and were unable to locate an adult at the residence.

7. The Kennewick Police Department was called, and conducted an investigation. Four children were found unattended in the residence. Five-year old R.M.; six-year old M.S.; five-year old H.R., and sixteen-month old L.J. The sixteen-month old infant was discovered by officers in a playpen that had been placed inside a closet in the home. The child was in a diaper that appeared to be soaked in urine. Inside the house, officers also found a power drill and bit, Christmas tree, decorated with strings of beads, lights and ornaments as well as a lighter, all

within reach of the children. During the investigation, Kristeen Helland-Kappenman arrived at the residence and was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license.

8. On December 3, 2007, the Benton County Prosecutor filed INFORMATION and PROBABLE CAUSE in the Benton County Superior Court, charging Kristeen Helland-Kappenman with two counts of ABANDONMENT OF DEPENDENT PERSON IN THE SECOND DEGREE, RCW 9A.42.070(1)(a)(b), a Felony. Benton County Superior Court Cause Number 07-1-01179-3.

9. On July 25, 2008, Kristeen Helland-Kappenman, plead guilty to two counts of ABANDONMENT OF DEPENDENT PERSON IN THE SECOND DEGREE, RCW 9A.42.070(1)(a)(b), a Felony.

10. On August 1, 2008, the FELONY JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE was entered and accepted in Benton County Superior Court, Cause number 07-1-01179-3.

11. On September 29, 2008, an investigator with OPP sent Kristeen Helland-Kappenman a letter and statement forms, and a stamped return envelope for her to respond to the allegations of misconduct. She was given until October 14, 2008 to respond. As of this date, no response has been received by OPP.

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

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Kristeen Helland and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 291203H, of Kristeen Helland, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Kristeen Helland has violated WAC 181-87, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014, RCW 28A.410.090, and/or RCW 9A.42.070(1)(a)(b).

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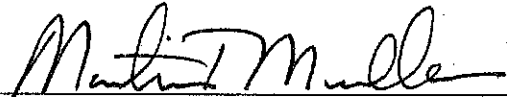
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ORDER

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. 291203H, of Kristy Helland is revoked.

DATED This 9th day of December, 2008.

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