



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D05-07-086
	)	
Laurence E. Hill	)	ORDER OF PERMANENT
Certificate No. 200671F	)	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. 200671F, of Laurence E. Hill, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Laurence E. Hill was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 200671F, on October 2, 1973. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Laurence E. Hill was employed by the Seattle Public Schools.
3. On July 11, 2005, 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) 180-87, by Laurence E. Hill.

4. On April 20, 2005, Jeanne Smart, Principal at Broadway-Thomson Elementary School, contacted Child Protective Services and reported allegations of inappropriate touching of female students by Mr. Hill. CPS made a referral to the Seattle Police Department.

5. Mr. Hill was placed on administrative leave on April 29, 2005, effective May 2, 2005.

6. On May 19, 2005, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed an Information in King County Superior Court charging Mr. Hill with: one count of Child Molestation in the First Degree, RCW 9A44.083; one count of Child Molestation in the Second Degree, RCW 9A.44.086; and 2 counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090.

7. Mr. Hill resigned from the Seattle Public Schools on July 1, 2005.

8. On November 3, 2005, Mr. Hill signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Felony Sex Offense. Mr. Hill pleaded guilty to the felony crimes of Child Molestation in the First Degree, RCW 9A.44.083, and Child Molestation in the Second Degree, RCW 9A.44.086. The victims were students of Mr. Hill.

9. On November 3, 2005, Mr. Hill signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty (misdemeanor). Mr. Hill pleaded guilty to two counts of the gross misdemeanor crime of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090. The victims were students of Mr. Hill.

10. Laurence E. Hill 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.

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

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Laurence E. Hill and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 200671F, of Laurence E. Hill, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.
3. Laurence E. Hill has violated WAC 180-87-080, WAC 180-86-013, WAC 180-86-014, RCW 28A.410.090, RCW 9A.44.083, RCW 9A.44.086, and RCW 9.68A.090.

**ORDER**

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 200671F, of Laurence E. Hill be permanently revoked.

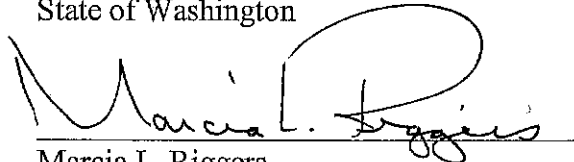
This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Office of Professional Practices  
PO Box 47200  
Olympia, WA 98504

DATED This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2005.

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