



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
CERTIFICATE OF )

OPP No. D08-03-016

DIANE A. HILLMAN )  
Certificate No. 307915R )

FINAL ORDER OF )  
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. 307915R, of Diane Hillman, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Diane Hillman was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 307915R, on July 31, 1995. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Diane Hillman was employed by the Puyallup School District.

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3. On March 4, 2008, 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) 181-87, by Diane Hillman.

4. Diane Hillman 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, No. 309915R, of Diane Hillman.

5. On April 21, 2007, at 1207 A.M., Ms Hillman was contacted by Pierce County deputies (PCSO Case #07-1110015). Ms Hillman was sitting in a vehicle with SS, a 15 year old female student from Ballou Junior High School. Ms Hillman and SS had been to the movies and were talking. SS was transported home by the deputies at the request of her mother.

6. On August 1, 2007, Mrs. [REDACTED], SS's mother reported to Detective Berg that Ms Hillman continued to text her daughter and her (SS) emotional state was deteriorating, including thoughts of suicide (PCSO Case #07-2180641-1).

7. On August 3, 2007, Mrs. [REDACTED] contacted Larry Sera from the Puyallup School District. Mrs. [REDACTED] informed Mr. Sera of Ms Hillman's continued contact with SS by texting her.

8. On August 3, 2007, Mrs. [REDACTED] obtained a restraining order against Ms Hillman.

9. On August 6, 2007, Mrs. [REDACTED] contacted Detective Berg and reported that SS had disclosed sexual abuse by Ms Hillman, and that it had been occurring since March, 2007. SS was interviewed at the Children's Advocacy Center on August 7, 2007.

10. On August 9, 2007, Ms Hillman was arrested for rape of a child and booked into the Pierce County Jail.

11. On August 10, 2007, Ms Hillman was placed on Paid Administrative Leave, which was converted to unpaid leave status on October 1, 2007, as a result of the filing of criminal charges.

12. On October 26, 2007, Ms Hillman received a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge letter from, Superintendent Tony Apostle. Ms Hillman appealed the Notice of Probable Cause on October 31, 2007. Ms Hillman resigned effective February, 25, 2008.

13. On April 25, 2008, Ms Hillman pled guilty to three counts of third-degree rape of a child and one count of third-degree child molestation. (Pierce County Superior Court Case #07-1-04178-0). Ms Hillman received a sentence of five years in prison.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Diane Hillman and over the subject matter of this action.
  
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 307915R, of Diane Hillman, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.
  
3. Diane Hillman has violated: WAC 181-87, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014, and RCW 28A.410.090.

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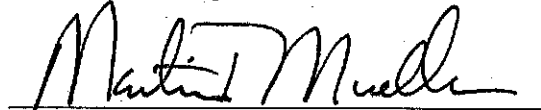
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**ORDER**

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. 307915R of Diane Hillman is revoked.

DATED This 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

DR. TERRY BERGESON  
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