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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D08-05-035
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PATRICIA ANN MOORE-TEDFORD)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 321196H)	OF REVOCATION
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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. 321196H, of Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 321196H, on March 27, 1993. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford was employed as a substitute teacher by the Ellensburg School District.

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3. On May 27, 2008, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Ellensburg School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford.

4. Previously, on October 18, 2004 the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, had received a complaint letter from Dr. Gretta Merwin, the superintendent of the Ellensburg School District that Patricia Ann Tedford had submitted an application with false information and altered letters of recommendations.

5. On March 8, 2005, OPP issued an Order of Reprimand to Patricia Tedford for misstating her teaching experience in an application, and submitting letters of recommendation not written by the persons whose signatures appeared on the letters. OPP file number, D04-10-098.

6. On August 15, 2002, the Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office filed an INFORMATION and MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SUMMONS (Probable Cause), in the Superior Court of Kittitas County, Cause number: 02-1-00249-7, charging Patricia A. Tedford with one count of Theft in the First Degree.

7. On February 18, 2003, the Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office filed an AMENDED INFORMATION in the Superior Court of Kittitas County, Cause number: 02-1-00249-7, charging Patricia A Tedford with one count of Theft in the Third Degree.

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8. On February 18, 2003, Patricia Ann Tedford entered a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty for one count of Theft in the Third Degree (Gross Misdemeanor) in the Superior Court of Kittitas County, Cause number: 02-1-00249-7.

9. On May 1, 2003, Patricia Ann Tedford applied for a teaching position with the Kittitas School District and filled out an employment application. In the "Addendum to Employment Application" she checked "No" under the question, "Have you ever been arrested and/or charged with a crime at any time?"

10. On October 8, 2007, Patricia Ann Tedford applied for employment with the Ellensburg School District as a district wide substitute teacher using the name Patricia Ann Moore. Letters of recommendations were submitted along with the application with perjury warning, which was signed and dated by "Patty Moore" on October 4, 2007.

11. On April 7, 2008, Patricia Moore returned to the Ellensburg School District Human Resources office, during the absence of HR Director Kathy Bailes, and submitted WSP fingerprint cards with incorrect information for her date of birth and Social Security Number. At the same time she also submitted a Washington State Sexual Misconduct Form.

Upon her return, Kathy Bailes, Director of Human Resources for the Ellensburg School District reviewed the application of Patricia Ann Moore. During the review she noticed similarities to the past application of Patricia Ann Tedford.

12. On April 14, 2008, Ellensburg School District issued a Notice of Separation to Patricia Moore.

13. On April 21, 2008, Lisa Muchlinski reported a forgery complaint to the Ellensburg Police Department against Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford. Ellensburg Police Department number: E08-04486.

14. On April 23, 2008, HR Director, Kathy Bailes sent a letter to Patricia Moore requesting a meeting on April 28, 2008, to go over concerns about her submitted documents.

15. On April 28, 2008, Patricia Moore-Tedford failed to attend the requested meeting or to respond to the letter of April 23, 2008.

16. On December 9, 2008, OSPI Certification Specialist, Laura Gooding examined the two Education Certificate's used by Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford, one under the last name Tedford, and the second under the last name Moore, both with the same certificate number and control number. Laura Gooding gave a statement saying that the certificate bearing the name Patricia Moore was an alteration that was not performed by OSPI.

17. On December 10, 2008, during a phone interview with an OPP investigator, educator, Lisa Muchlinski gave a statement swearing to the fact that she had not written or signed the letter of recommendation submitted by Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 321196H, of Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford has violated: WAC 181-87-050, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 180-86-014.

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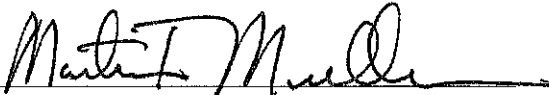
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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 321196H, of Patricia Ann Moore-Tedford be revoked.

DATED This 24th day of September, 2009.

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State of Washington


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