



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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I, Kelli Jones, certify that on, 3/29/02 I mailed a copy of this document, postage prepaid, to all parties or their counsel of record. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
APPLICATION OF)	OPP No. T067738
)	
)	AGREED ORDER OF
Thomas Hollcraft)	STAYED SUSPENSION
DOB: 9/9/1936)	
_____)	

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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 suspend, with said suspension being stayed, the Washington education certificate of Thomas Hollcraft for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months from the date of entry of the Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension, or the issue date of the Washington education certificate, whichever comes later, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Thomas Hollcraft applied for a Washington Education Certificate on November 27, 2001.

2. On the Character and Fitness Supplement, a part of the application process, Mr. Hollcraft answered "yes" to question #11, section II, "Are you currently or have you ever been the subject of any investigation or inquiry by an employer because of allegations of misconduct."

3. Thomas Hollcraft was issued a letter of reprimand on September 6, 1995 by Portland Public Schools, for inappropriate physical contact with a student on May 18, 1995.

The written letter of reprimand stated that Mr. Hollcraft did lose control striking the student in the face in an attempt to control the situation.

4. Thomas Hollcraft was issued a verbal warning on April 12, 1994 for similar behavior.

5. Good moral character and personal fitness is a requirement to attain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has jurisdiction over Thomas Hollcraft and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Thomas Hollcraft has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence of good moral character or personal fitness to receive a Washington education certificate, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-86-170. Such good moral character and personal fitness is a

certification requirement in the state of Washington, WAC 180-79A-150; and defined in WAC 180-86-013.

3. OSPI has determined, however, that Thomas Hollcraft does meet the requirements to hold certification with stipulations.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered, and agreed, that the Washington education certificate of Thomas Hollcraft be suspended for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months, with said suspension being stayed.

If Thomas Hollcraft fails to adhere to the stipulations of this agreement, Thomas Hollcraft's Washington education certificate will be suspended immediately. Thomas Hollcraft will have no appeal rights to that suspension. The waiver of appeal is only to the suspension that is the subject matter of this order. It would not apply to any new disciplinary imposed or proposed to be imposed by OPP.

Relief of the stayed suspension shall be considered at the end of the twenty-four (24) months based upon the successful compliance of the following stipulations:

1. No violations of the law relating to conflicts relating to any type of assault, either verbal or physical.

2. Thomas Hollcraft will have no violations of WAC 180-86-013/014, WAC 180-87, or RCW 28A.410.090 (copies enclosed).

3. Thomas Hollcraft must keep OPP apprised of any change in name, address, telephone number, and employment status.

4. Should Thomas Hollcraft decide to pursue an education certificate in a state other than the state of Washington, Thomas Hollcraft agrees to provide a copy of this Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension to the Department of Education in that state.

It is understood that adherence to this Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension and fulfillment of the stipulations are the responsibility of Thomas Hollcraft. Thomas Hollcraft will not be prompted by OPP to carry out these duties.

It is understood that this order is good for one year from the date it is signed. If Thomas Hollcraft has not been issued a Washington education certificate within that period of time, this order and its accompanying notification of clearance will become null and void.

Upon successful completion of the above stipulations, Thomas Hollcraft may apply to lift the stayed suspension by submitting a reinstatement application, available from OPP, and having new fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Washington State Patrol.

DATED this 13TH KT day of April, 2002.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved for
entry; notice of presentation
waived:

Thomas J. Hollcraft
Thomas Hollcraft, Respondent

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