



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D05-07-077
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)	AGREED ORDER
Bret Christensen)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 362217B)	
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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 stipulate by and between the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Bret Christensen, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 362217B, of Bret Christensen, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Bret Christensen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 362217B, on July 8, 1998. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Bret Christensen was employed by the Chief Leschi School District.
3. On June 30, 2005, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Bill Wyant, Principal of the Chief Leschi Elementary School of the Chief Leschi

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School District 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 Bret Christensen. Ray Lorton, Superintendent of the Chief Leschi Schools was out of the area at the time of the letter of complaint but had knowledge of the letter of complaint. On August 26, 2005, Mr. Lorton submitted a complaint letter.

4. In June of 2005, Mr. Christensen brought and possessed sexually explicit material into his classroom at the Chief Leschi Elementary School. The material was not observed by students.

5. On June 23, 2005, Mr. Christensen brought and consumed an alcoholic beverage, beer, in his classroom at the Chief Leschi Elementary School. This was in violation of Chief Leschi Schools Policy titled Substance Abuse Policy. June 23, 2005 was not a scheduled paid day for certificated staff at Chief Leschi.

6. Mr. Christensen resigned from the Chief Leschi Schools on June 24, 2005.

7. Mr. Christensen's colleagues described him as a: mentor to new teachers; a cultural leader for students and staff; a good teacher, and a teacher well respected by students and parents.

8. 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 Bret Christensen and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 362217B, of Bret Christensen, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Bret Christensen has violated (WAC 180-87, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 180-86-013, WAC 180-86-014).

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 362217B, of Bret Christensen, be suspended for four (4) months from the date of entry of this Order.

DATED This 7th day of September, 2005.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

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

Bret E. Christensen
Bret Christensen, Respondent

By: Marcia L. Riggers
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