



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
 CERTIFICATE OF )  
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 Edward Becker )  
 Certificate No. 131570D )  
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OPP No. D03-12-112  
 ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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 suspend the Washington Education Certificate No. 131570D, of Edward Becker, for sixty (60) days based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Edward Becker was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 131570D, on August 21, 1964. That certificate currently remains valid.
  
2. Edward Becker was employed by the Snoqualmie Valley School District as a substitute teacher.

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3. On December 13, 2003, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), OSPI received a complaint letter alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Edward Becker.

4. On October 31, 2003, Edward Becker physically ejected a disruptive male high school student from his classroom by grabbing him by the arm, throwing him against the door, and pushing him into the hall. Mr. Becker used profanity and yelled during this encounter. The student suffered red marks on his arm.

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

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Edward Becker and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No.131570D, of Edward Becker, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Edward Becker has violated WAC 180-87-060, WAC 180-86-013, WAC 180-86-014, and WAC 180-40-235.

**ORDER**

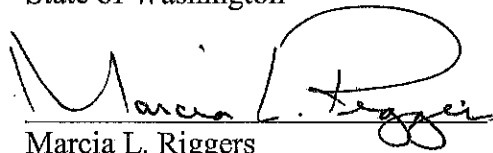
THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 131570D, of Edward Becker be suspended for sixty (60) days.

Reinstatement shall require:

1. Successful completion of an anger management evaluation and any recommended treatment, which validates Edward Becker's ability to have unsupervised access to children.
2. Such evaluation will be conducted by a provider mutually agreed upon by Mr. Becker and OPP.
3. Mr. Becker will sign a release which authorizes OPP access to the results of any evaluation or treatment.
4. The costs of evaluation and treatment will be the responsibility of Mr. Becker.

DATED This 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

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