

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D07-10-097
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)	AGREED ORDER
Douglas Boggs)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 343593J)	
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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 Douglas Boggs, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 343593J, of Douglas Boggs, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Douglas Boggs was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 343593J, on February 28, 1996. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. On October 5, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received information through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) database, that the state of Florida had taken action against Mr. Boggs' Florida Teaching Certificate.

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4. Mr. Boggs was employed at Heron Middle School in the Sarasota County School District in Florida.
5. On August 14, 2006, Mr. Boggs used Sarasota County, Florida School District computer equipment to access and view sexually explicit images.
6. A search of his classroom located computer storage discs that Mr. Boggs maintained; that contained sexually explicit images.
7. On August 16, 2006, Mr. Boggs resigned his employment with the Sarasota County School District.
8. On August 31, 2006, the Bureau of Professional Practices Service, within the State of Florida Department of Education, opened an investigation into allegations of misconduct by Mr. Boggs.
9. On June 27, 2007, the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida issued an Administrative Complaint charging Mr. Boggs with Florida Statue and Rule violations.
10. On July 16, 2007, Mr. Boggs voluntarily surrendered his Florida educator certificate
11. On July 21, 2007, the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida issued a Final Order permanently revoking Mr. Boggs' Florida educator certificate.

12. During a telephonic interview with an OPP investigator on November 14, 2007, Mr. Boggs stated that he takes responsibility for his actions in Florida and that he has sought and is in counseling/treatment for an issue with sexually explicit material/s.

13. 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 Douglas Boggs and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 343593J, of Douglas Boggs, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.
3. Douglas Boggs has violated WAC 181-87-060, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 343593J, of Douglas Boggs, be suspended for four (4) months from the date of entry of this Order.


Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Douglas Boggs's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall be also contingent upon Douglas Boggs's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, and/or any felony convictions

DATED This 29th day of November, 2007.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

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


Douglas Boggs, Respondent

By: 
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