



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D08-04-027
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Wilida Brown)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 313114A)	OF SUSPENSION
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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 suspend the Washington Education Certificate No. 313114A, of Wilida Brown for twenty-four (24) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Wilida Brown was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 313114A, on August 31, 1997. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Wilida Brown was employed by the Puyallup School District.
3. On April 23, 2008, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Puyallup 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) 181-87, by Wilida Brown.

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4. On or about September 17, 2006, Wilida Brown went to Northwood Elementary School and took a student's prescribed ADHD medication from the school medicine cabinet.

5. On or about September 21, 2006, Wilida Brown attempted to obtain a prescription refill of the above-mentioned student's ADHD medication from a Puyallup area pharmacy; Edgewood Police Department report #062570762.

6. On September 26, 2006, Lisa Nolan, Principal of Northwood Elementary School, reported theft of a student's prescription ADHD medication from the school medicine cabinet to Edgewood Police Department; Edgewood Police Department report #062570762.

7. On September 28, 2006, Wilida Brown was interviewed by an Edgewood Police Department detective. During the interview, Wilida Brown stated that she had been fighting an addiction to prescription medication for some time and that she had been through a rehab program during the summer of 2006; Edgewood Police Department report #062570762.

8. On April 11, 2007, an Information and Declaration for Determination of Probable Cause were filed in Pierce County Superior Court; Cause Number 07-1-01958-0. Wilida Brown was charged with Obtain or Attempt to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit, or Misrepresentation; Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 69.50.403(1)(c)(i).

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9. On January 30, 2008, an Amended Information was filed in Pierce County Superior Court; Cause Number 07-1-01958-0. Wilida Brown was charged with Solicitation to Obtain or Attempt to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit, or Misrepresentation; Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 69.50.403(1)(c)(i).

10. On January 30, 2008, Wilida Brown signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty (Misdemeanor); Pierce County Superior Court Cause Number 07-1-01958-0. In the Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty, Wilida Brown pleads guilty to the charge in the Amended Information and states that "On or about 9/21/06, in Pierce County, I, with intent to promote the crime of Attempting to Obtain a Controlled substance by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, did offer to give money to engage in the performance of conduct which would constitute the crime of Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

11. On January 30, 2008, a Deferred Sentence (Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence) was filed in Pierce County Superior Court for Cause Number 07-1-01958-0. The imposition of sentence was deferred for a period of one (1) year upon the following conditions: Wilida Brown shall be under the charge of a probation officer with the Department of Corrections during the term of her probation; \$700 total fines and court costs; drug testing as set by the probation officer; monitoring of mental health treatment; and no use or possession of non prescribed drugs; no association with drug users or sellers.

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12. On March 7, 2008, Wilida Brown participated in an interview/meeting with Puyallup School District personnel. During the interview/meeting, Wilida Brown admitted: that she took a student's medication from the medicine cabinet at Northwood Elementary School on September 17, 2006; that she had taken a student's prescribed medication from the school medicine cabinet on one other occasion; that she had used the prescription number from the student prescription medication and called in a refill to a pharmacy; and that she went to the pharmacy with the intent to retrieve the prescription but did not pick up the prescription.

13. On March 20, 2008, Wilida Brown was issued a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge from Employment letter by the Puyallup School District. Ms. Brown appealed the Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge from Employment.

14. Wilida Brown has not responded to OPP when informed of her opportunity to respond to the allegations; as per RCW 28A.410.090.

15. 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 Wilida Brown and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 313114A, of Wilida Brown, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Wilida Brown has violated WAC 181-87, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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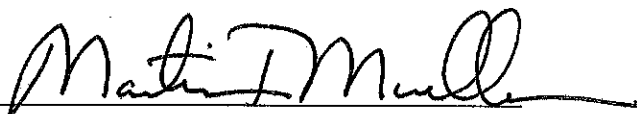
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ORDER

It has been thirty days since the Proposed Order of Suspension was received. The appeal time period has passed. It is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 313114A, of Wilida Brown is Suspended.

DATED This 17th day of November, 2008.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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