



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)
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KAREN CURRY)
Certificate No. 287769D)
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OPP No. D03-03-034
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. 287769D, of Karen Curry for a minimum of two (2) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen Curry was issued an initial ESA Washington education certificate, No. 287769D, on October 28, 1988. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Karen Curry is employed by the Pullman School District.
3. On March 11, 2003, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Thomas J. Rockefeller, Superintendent of the Pullman School District

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alleging a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Karen Curry.

4. Karen Curry inappropriately assisted a minor student in his efforts to secure a cellular telephone. Karen Curry transported the student out of state in her vehicle and signed the phone service contract for him, without the parents or the schools knowledge.

5. In the interview with the Pullman School District officials, Karen Curry denied the truth of most of the factual findings made above, stating that the phone was purchased for herself, and the student was merely assisting in the purchase.

6. On February 24, 2003, based on the above Findings of Facts from the Pullman School District, Karen Curry was placed on administrative leave for 5 working days without salary.

7. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Karen Curry and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 287769D, of Karen Curry, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Karen Curry has violated WAC 180-87.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 287769D , of Karen Curry be suspended for a minimum of two (2) months.

Reinstatement shall require successful completion of reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Karen Curry's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED This 3rd day of June, 2003.

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