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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATES OF)
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LINDA SUE FARRIMOND)
CERTIFICATES NO. 202794D)
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OPP No. D02-05-068
PROPOSED FINAL ORDER
OF SUSPENSION

COMES NOW Lin Douglas, the Informal Review Officer of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), having reviewed the files of the above-referenced case, and having considered the arguments of each party and the recommendation of the Admissions and Professional Conduct Advisory Committee, does hereby propose that the Washington Education Certificates (Teacher, Principal, and Administrator) , No. 202794D, of Linda Sue Farrimond be suspended for thirty (30) days based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Linda Sue Farrimond was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 202794D, on October 1, 1976, that certificate currently remains valid.
2. Linda Sue Farrimond was employed by the Shelton School District as a planning principal
3. On May 1, 2002, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), OSPI, received a complaint letter 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 Linda Sue Farrimond .

4. Linda Sue Farrimond reported to the Shelton School District that from July 24 through July 27, 2001, she attended a S.A.L.T. conference in Virginia. She did not register for the conference and her attendance could not be verified.
5. On December 13, 2001, Linda Sue Farrimond attended a principal's meeting at the Evergreen State College; the meeting had been cancelled.
6. Linda Sue Farrimond reported to the Shelton School District that on December 14, 2001, a regular school work day, she attended AWSP's Leadership by Consensus conference at the Bellevue Marriott. The Shelton School District confirmed AWSP did not have a conference on that date at the Bellevue Marriott. Linda Sue Farrimond stated the material she received from the conference disappeared.
7. Linda Sue Farrimond notified Superintendent Joan Zook that she would be on vacation from December 17, 2001, until January 3, 2002. On January 3, 2002, Linda Sue Farrimond notified the Superintendent that she would be trading the days she worked in July to attend the S.A.L.T. conference in Virginia for some of the leave time in December.
8. Linda Sue Farrimond resigned from the Shelton School District effective June 30, 2002.
9. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Linda Sue Farrimond and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the Washington Education Certificates (Teacher, Principal, and Administrator), No. 202794D, of Linda Sue Farrimond, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.
3. Linda Sue Farrimond has violated WAC 180-87-050.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificates (Teacher, Principal, and Administrator), No. 202794D, of Linda Sue Farrimond, be suspended for thirty (30) days.

Reinstatement shall be automatic at the end of the suspension period.

This Proposed Order will become final thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of this order unless respondent files an appeal for a formal hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Please direct the appeal and request for formal hearing to Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Administrative Law Office, Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.

DATED this 26th day of November, 2003

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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Informal Review Officer