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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
 CERTIFICATE OF)
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 RODNEY GRANT)
 Certificate No. 339847F)

OPP No. D05-05-058

AGREED ORDER
OF SUSPENSION

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

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. 339847F, of Rodney L. Grant for twelve (12) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rodney Grant was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 339847F, on July 27, 1995. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Rodney Grant was employed by the Washougal School District.
3. On May 20, 2005, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Washougal 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 Rodney Grant.

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4. In April of 2004, Mr. Grant used district computer equipment to send an e-mail to a former female student. In the e-mail Mr. Grant: asked "How is the most beautiful pizza girl doing?"; stated that he was being asked to do recruiting for a Playboy magazine layout on the "girls of pizza"; asked if she was still living on her own; what her current boyfriend status; he also added "And a belly button piercing....you're a wild one. Rod Grant."

Mr. Grant has stated that the email was sent as a joke between himself and the former student with whom he had an ongoing friendship.

5. Between February and April of 2005, Rodney Grant used district computer equipment to send emails of a personal and graphic sexual nature to an adult female.

6. In March of 2005, Rodney Grant spoke with J.R., a 17-year-old female high school student, about the size of her breasts, issues with his wife's medication and how it was affecting their life, and other inappropriate topics. When questioned why he would talk with a student on these topics, Mr. Grant replied, "*She trusts me. I'm a father figure.*"

7. Mr. Grant was placed on administrative leave on March 23, 2005.

8. Rodney Grant's computer was removed from his classroom the day he was placed on administrative leave. An examination of the hard drive of the district computer, in Mr. Grant possession revealed the computer contained approximately thirty sexually explicit drawings (not photographic); photos of women and men in underwear or swimsuits; and photos of female students from the waist up, that appear to have been taken from a camera located on his desk.

9. On May 11, 2005, the Washougal School District issued a "Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge from Employment".

10. On July 26, 2005, the Washougal School District entered into a settlement agreement with Rodney L. Grant.

12. On May 16, 2006 while being interviewed by an OSPI investigator, Rodney Grant was asked if he ever felt that his relationship had moved beyond that of a professional educator in dealing with J.R., a seventeen-year-old special education student. He responded by stating:

"Nothing outside the classroom. She would come to me when she had problems, I was at times kind of an amateur counselor. A lot of kids came to me. My relationship with J. (Students name) was kind of almost like a father thing. She was having a lot of problems at home. I would just be there for her to talk to."

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 Rodney Grant and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 339847F, of Rodney Grant, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Rodney Grant has violated WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-87-050, 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. 339847F, of Rodney Grant, be suspended for twelve (12) months from the date of entry of this Order.

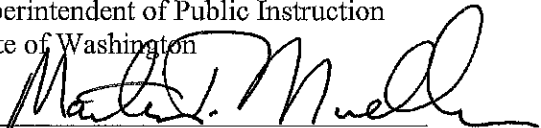
Reinstatement shall require adherence to the following stipulations:

(1) successful completion of a psychological evaluation which validates Rodney Grant's ability to have unsupervised access to children, by an evaluator mutually agreed upon by the Office of Professional Practices (OPP) and Rodney Grant; (2) that Rodney Grant provide written consent for OSPI to release documents to the evaluator for purposes of completing an evaluation and course of treatment; (3) that Rodney Grant follows and complete any and all treatment recommended in the evaluation; (4) that Rodney Grant provides a release authorizing OPP to have access to records of any and all evaluation and any and all subsequent treatment undertaken; (5) successful completion of boundary issue training, to be provided through Washington Education Association's class/seminar titled "Safer Relationships with Students". (6) and that the cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Rodney Grant.

Reinstatement shall also require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Rodney Grant' fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

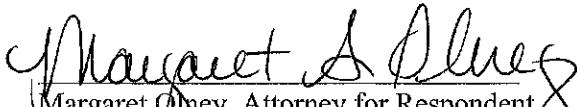
DATED This 19th day of March, 2007.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington


Martin T. Mueller
Assistant Superintendent
Student Support and Operations

Stipulated to and approved
For entry:


Rodney Grant, Respondent


Margaret Olney, Attorney for Respondent
WSBA # 17933

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