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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D05-10-111
)	
MICHELLE HENEGHEN)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 357280G)	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. 357280G, of Michelle Heneghen for Thirty-six (36) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Michelle Heneghen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 357280G on November 7, 1997. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Michelle Heneghen was employed by the West Valley School District.
3. On October 10, 2005 the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the West Valley 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 Michelle Heneghen.

4. On August 22, 2005 Michelle Heneghen was conditionally hired as a certificated teacher by the West Valley School District.
5. Between August 22, 2005 and September 9, 2005, Michelle Heneghen failed to provide the required pre-employment urine drug screen sample to the West Valley School District.
6. On Monday, September 12, 2005 at approximately 10:15 am, Michelle Heneghen provided a urine sample at the 16th Ave Occupational Health and Therapy clinic in Yakima WA.
7. On Wednesday, September 14, 2005 West Valley School District was advised by Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories that the urine sample given by Michelle Heneghen on September 12, 2005 showed "positive" for Methamphetamine.
8. Michelle Heneghen resigned her teaching position with West Valley School District on September 26, 2005.
9. On January 5, 2006 OPP received a signed statement from Michelle Heneghen. In her short statement, Ms. Heneghen refers to attending a "rock concert at the White River Amphitheater", and states, "The night turned into one I will regret for the rest of my life." She states that she had to take a UA on the following Monday; and says that "The rest is history...I no longer teach."
10. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Michelle Heneghen and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 357280G, of Michelle Heneghen, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Michelle Heneghen has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

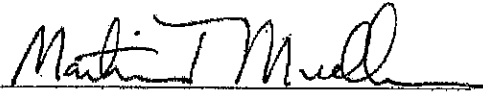
ORDER

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. 357280G, of Michelle Heneghen is suspended for 36 months.

Reinstatement will require successful completion of, and continued compliance in a drug treatment program which is mutually agreed upon between Ms. Heneghen and OPP. Ms. Heneghen shall provide OPP with evidence of her successful completion of, and continued compliance in her treatment program. If requested, she will sign consent forms authorizing OPP to have access to all records pertaining to her treatment and to discuss any and all treatment undertaken with the providers administering treatment. Reinstatement shall also require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Ms. Heneghen's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Michelle Heneghen. Reinstatement shall be also contingent upon Ms. Heneghen'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 17th day of June, 2009.

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