



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)
)
Kitty Rushing)
Certificate No. 299134R)
_____)

OPP No. D04-04-030

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. 299134R, of Kitty Rushing for thirty (30) days based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kitty Rushing was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 299134R, on January 18, 1989. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Kitty Rushing was employed by the Deer Park School District as a substitute teacher.
3. On April 28, 2004, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Deer Park School District alleging a lack of good

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moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Kitty Rushing.

4. On April 16, 2004, Kitty Rushing called a female high school student into a private office at school. Ms. Rushing discussed the student's boyfriend, asked the student if she had been having oral sex, and suggested that the student use oral sex with her boyfriend as a form of birth control. She then discussed her own sex life with her husband.

5. Ms. Rushing stated that her purpose for talking with the student was to inform the student about birth control, and how to possibly avoid an unwanted pregnancy.

6. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Kitty Rushing and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 289134R, of Kitty Rushing, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Kitty Rushing has violated WAC 180-87-060, WAC 180-86-013, and WAC 180 86-014.

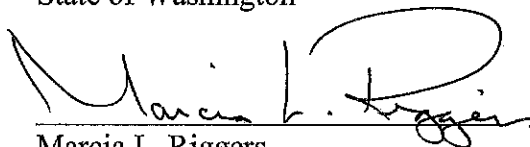
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THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 289134R, of Kitty Rushing, be suspended for thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Reinstatement shall require successful completion of an educational program which emphasizes student-teacher boundary issues, given by a provider mutually agreed upon by Ms. Rushing and OPP.

DATED This 4th day of October, 2004.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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