



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF) OPP No. D04-07-067
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KIMBERLY SULLIVAN) ORDER
Certificate No. 328423R) OF SUSPENSION
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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. 328423R, of KIMBERLY SULLIVAN for one (1) year based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Kimberly Sullivan was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 328423R, on March 29, 1994. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Ms. Sullivan was employed by Seattle Public Schools. Her employment with Seattle Public Schools was terminated on June 29, 2004.
3. On July 12, 2004, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools 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 Kimberly Sullivan.

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4. Between the years of 2000 and 2004, Ms. Sullivan took Seattle Public Schools media equipment from Aki Kurose Middle School, where she was employed as a teacher, and pawned the equipment at multiple pawn shops throughout the Seattle vicinity. Ms. Sullivan would later pay to retrieve the equipment out of pawn and return it to the school. Ms. Sullivan pawned the equipment to support her addiction to oxycontin. In 2004, she was unable to retrieve several items out of pawn and Seattle Public Schools paid \$951.80 to retrieve the items out of pawn. Ms. Sullivan paid restitution to the school district for the items they retrieved out of pawn.

5. Ms. Sullivan was admitted as a patient at a Group Health Cooperative's Hospital for the period of April 16, 2004 through April 29, 2004. The Hospital indicated that Ms. Sullivan could return to work on April 30, 2004.

6. On June 29, 2004, Seattle Public Schools terminated Ms. Sullivan's employment with the school district.

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 Kimberly Sullivan and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 328423R, of Kimberly Sullivan, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Kimberly Sullivan has violated WAC 180-87-060, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 180-86-013, and WAC 180-86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 328423R, of Kimberly Sullivan be suspended for one (1) year.

Reinstatement shall require successful completion of or continued participation in a Narcotic's Anonymous treatment program. The program must be approved by OPP. Ms. Sullivan shall provide evidence of her successful completion of or continued participation in the program. If requested, Ms. Sullivan will sign a consent authorizing OPP to discuss the program with the provider. The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Ms. Sullivan. It is understood that adherence to this order and fulfillment of this stipulation is the responsibility of Ms. Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan will not be prompted by OPP to carry out this duty.

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

This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction

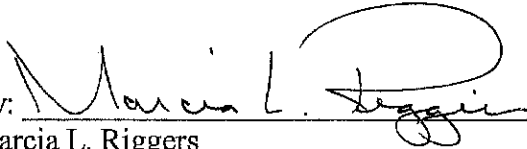
Office of Professional Practices

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DATED This 8th day of April, 2005.

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