



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D06-10-074
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)	AGREED ORDER
MARY CATHERINE ROE)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 421925R)	
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COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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 stipulate by and between the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Mary Roe, that the Washington Education Certificate, No421925R, of Mary Roe, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Mary Roe was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 421925R, on November 24, 2004. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Mary Roe was employed by the North Thurston School District.



3. On November 7, 2006, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the North Thurston 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 Mary Roe.

4. On September 21, 2006, Mary Roe brought a revolver to school. The revolver was secured in a smaller bag and kept in her purse. The purse was kept behind Ms. Roe's desk and in an area where it was not immediately visible.

5. On September 21, 2006, Ms. Roe was placed on administrative leave.

6. On September 21, 2006, Ms. Roe was referred for charges through Thurston County District Court for Unlawful Possession of Firearm on public/private school, RCW 9.41.280(1) (a); Thurston County Sheriff's case # 06-8869-09.

7. On October 20, 2006, Ms. Roe resigned from the North Thurston School District, effective March 31, 2007.

8. On December 12, 2006, Ms. Roe received a deferred sentence in Thurston County District Court. The finding is continued for 12 months and if conditions are met, the charge will be dismissed. As part of the deferred sentence, Ms. Roe is required: to pay court costs of \$43.00; maintain a correct address with the court and provide proof of compliance; have no criminal law violations and maintain law abiding behavior; complete a safety plan with Thurston County Victim Advocate and forfeit the firearm; Thurston County District Court Cause #C26064TC.

9. During an interview conducted with an OPP investigator on January 25, 2007, Ms. Roe stated: that she didn't realize that the revolver was in her purse and it was normally left at home while she was at school. She also stated that she had been in a domestic violence situation involving her estranged husband and was afraid of him.

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 Mary Roe and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 421925R, of Mary Roe, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.
3. Mary Roe has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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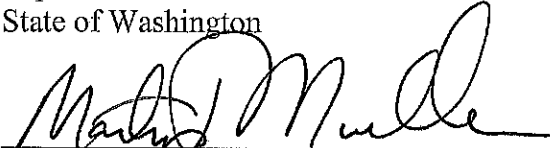
THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No.421925R, of Mary Roe, be suspended effective the date of entry of this Order.

Reinstatement will require successful completion of all conditions as stipulated by Thurston County District Court, Cause #C26064TC, AND Reinstatement shall (also) require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Mary Roe's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

If Ms. Roe provides documentation of the successful completion of all conditions as stipulated by Thurston County District Court, Cause #C26064TC to OPP by August 1, 2007, and a submits a new application and fingerprint check, by both the FBI and WSP, then reinstatement shall be effective on, and no later than, August 31, 2007. The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Mary Roe.

DATED This 20th day of February, 2007.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

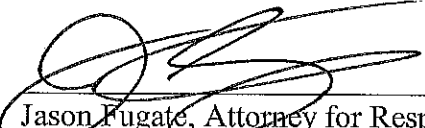


Martin T. Mueller
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Stipulated to and approved
For entry:



Mary Roe, Respondent



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