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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF) OPP No. D05-11-118
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) ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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Luanne Schierman)
Certificate No. 290645A)
_____)

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. 290645A, of Luanne Schierman for twenty-four (24) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Luanne Schierman was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 290645A, on April 3, 1989. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Luanne Schierman was employed by the Endicott-St. John School District.
3. On November 14, 2005, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Endicott-St. John 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) 180-87, by Luanne Schierman.

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4. On October 12, 2004, Luanne Schierman was removed from the substitute teachers list by Superintendent, Mark Mansell, until November 4, 2004. Mrs. Schierman was removed from the substitute list because of her use of non-professional words; inappropriate contact with student; and use of cough medicine before or during work.
5. In late July of 2005, Superintendent, Rick Winters was notified that Mrs. Schierman may have a drinking problem.
6. In early August of 2005, Rick Winters scheduled a meeting with Mrs. Schierman and asked her if she had a drinking problem. Mrs. Schierman admitted that she did. Mr. Winters asked her to get assistance from a counselor.
7. On September 20, 2005, Liz Manion of Parkside Counseling in Spokane wrote a letter to Rick Winters outlining a treatment plan for Mrs. Schierman.
8. On September 23, 2005, Carol Towne of Palouse River Counseling in Pullman wrote a letter to Rick Winters regarding a program for Mrs. Schierman.
9. The Superintendent and two principals agreed to allow Mrs. Schierman to attempt substitute teaching starting November 1, 2005.
10. Mrs. Schierman was called to substitute in Endicott on November 4, 2005. It was agreed that Mrs. Schierman would take a breath test administered by Principal Suzanne Schmick. The

breath test was administered three times, using an AlcoMate Pro. Readings were recorded as .21, .23, and .22.

11. Mrs. Schierman was not allowed to substitute teach and was sent home.

12. In a signed statement, dated April 27, 2006, Mrs. Schierman states the following, but not limited to: in July of 2005, she admitted that she had a drinking problem to Superintendent Rick Winters; on November 4, 2005, she had a positive result for the presence of intoxicating liquors after providing a sample of her breath for a portable breath test device; and that she does not think that she is an alcoholic.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Luanne Schierman and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 290645A, of Luanne Schierman, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Luanne Schierman has violated WAC 180-87-055, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 180-86-013, and/or WAC 180 86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 290645A, of Luanne Schierman be suspended for twenty-four (24) months.

Reinstatement shall require successful completion of, or continued compliance in an alcohol treatment program which is mutually agreed upon between Luanne Schierman and OPP. Mrs. Schierman must provide OPP with evidence of her successful completion or of continued compliance in her treatment program. If requested by OPP, Mrs. Schierman 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. The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Luanne Schierman.

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

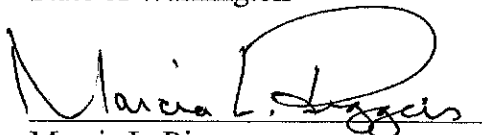
This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

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DATED This 18th day of May, 2006.

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