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By: _____

6 **STATE OF WASHINGTON**

7 **OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

8 **IN THE MATTER OF THE**
9 **EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF**
10 **MICHAEL F. HAPTONSTALL**
11 **Certificate No. 175994C**
12 **OPP NO. D-96-08-131**

TEACHER CERTIFICATION
CAUSE NO. D00-05-053

AGREED FINAL ORDER
OF SUSPENSION

13 Based on the investigation performed by the Office of Professional Practices and the State of
14 Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), it is hereby stipulated
15 by and between OSPI and Michael F. Haptonstall, the above-named respondent, that the
16 Education Certificate of Mr. Haptonstall, No. 715994C, shall be suspended for a minimum of
17 three years, with the final year subject to a stay if all requirements herein are met. This order is
18 based on the following:

19 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

20 1. Michael F. Haptonstall was issued Washington Education Certificate
21 No. 175994C on June 5, 1970. Mr. Haptonstall currently holds a valid Standard Elementary
22 and Secondary Teacher Certificate.

23 2. Michael F. Haptonstall was employed as a certificated teacher by the Newport
24 School District for over 20 years, the last year being the 2001/01 school year.
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1 3. On or about May 12, 2000, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
2 received a letter from the Superintendent of the Newport School District alleging
3 unprofessional conduct by Mr. Haptonstall.

4 4. On or about May 10, 2000, the Superintendent of the Newport School District
5 issued a Letter of Reprimand to Mr. Haptonstall for inappropriate verbal and physical contact
6 with a female student. Mr. Haptonstall was admonished to discontinue similar conduct.

7 5. On or about June 19, 2000, the Principal of Sadie Halstead Middle School
8 issued a Letter of Reprimand to Mr. Haptonstall for inappropriate and unprofessional conduct.
9 Mr. Haptonstall displayed a sign in front of his middle school students that contained a word
10 determined to be inappropriate. Mr. Haptonstall was admonished to discontinue similar
11 conduct.

12 6. On or about September 25, 2000, the Principal of Sadie Halstead Middle School
13 issued a Letter of Reprimand to Mr. Haptonstall for inappropriate and unprofessional behavior
14 in reprimanding a student. Mr. Haptonstall reprimanded a male middle school student in a
15 physically intimidating manner. He was admonished to discontinue similar conduct.

16 7. In December 2000, the Principal of Newport High School placed
17 Mr. Haptonstall on Administrative leave as Varsity Wrestling Coach and recommended that he
18 be removed from that position. The Principal found that Mr. Haptonstall's verbal and
19 threatening conduct in dealing with a parent to be inappropriate and unprofessional.

20 8. On or about February 27, 2001, Mr. Haptonstall entered into an agreement with
21 the Newport School District wherein he was placed on administrative leave while receiving
22 full pay and benefits until the end of the 2000/01 school year in exchange for his resignation.

23 9. On or about April 17, 2001, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
24 received a letter from the Superintendent of the Cusick School District alleging unprofessional
25 conduct by Mr. Haptonstall. In the role of a substitute teacher, Mr. Haptonstall was observed

1 using inappropriate physical force on two separate occasions during a confrontation with a
2 male eighth grade student. Mr. Haptonstall was removed from the Cusick School District
3 substitute teacher list.

4 10. On or about June 1, 2001, Mr. Haptonstall confronted an adult witness to his
5 April 2001 unprofessional conduct in an aggressive, intimidating manner. He verbally
6 challenged the witness for providing a written statement regarding the Cusick School District
7 incident. The witness was serving in the role of a substitute teacher in the Newport School
8 District at the time of the confrontation.

9 11. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to
10 maintain a Washington education certificate.

11 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12 1. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has jurisdiction over Michael
13 F. Haptonstall and over the subject matter of this action.

14 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education
15 Certificate No. 175994C of Michael F. Haptonstall should be suspended as provided for in
16 WAC 180-86-070.

17 3. Michael F. Haptonstall has violated Washington Administrative Code
18 (WAC) 180-86 and WAC 180-87.

19 ORDER

20 The education certificate of Michael F. Haptonstall shall be suspended for a period of
21 three years, and Mr. Haptonstall shall comply with the following conditions prior to
22 reinstatement of his Education Certificate:

23 1. submission of a new application, provided by the Office of
24 Professional Practices;

