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I, Mary Myrfaid, certify that on 3/29/01, I mailed a copy of this document, certified & postage prepaid, to all parties or their counsel of record. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)

Steven E. Magnuson)
Certificate No. 353269D)

OPP No. D00-06-066
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. 353269D, of Steven E. Magnuson, for a minimum of forty eight (48) months, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven E. Magnuson was issued a Washington education certificate, No. 353269D, on June 18, 1997. This certificate currently remains valid.

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2. Steven E. Magnuson was employed by the Kent School District.

3. On May 13, 2000, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Puget Sound Educational Service 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 Steven E. Magnuson.

4. Steven E. Magnuson signed an Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension for a period of forty-eight (48) months effective May 20, 1997.

5. The Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension ordered Steven E. Magnuson to refrain from conflicts in which he could lose self-control, and through anger, intimidate, threaten, or cause harm to any child or adult.

6. During the 1998/1999 school year Steven E. Magnuson made sexually explicit and suggestive remarks to Annette Revert, another elementary teacher. He displayed inconsistent behavior by asking Annette Revert out on a date and would then get angry over minor professional matters and would blow up.

7. The last week of the 1989-99 school year, Annette Revert witnessed a verbal confrontation between Steven E. Magnuson and Andrea Duncan.

Steven E. Magnuson received a letter of warning for inappropriate and unacceptable conduct from Principal Barbara Hackney, dated June 18, 1999.

8. In the spring of 1999 Annette Revert refused to discuss a personal issue with Steven E. Magnuson. He got angry and told her to leave her goddamn issues at home and to shut the fuck up. Steven E. Magnuson squeezed the wrist of Annette Revert and continued to verbally attack her.

9. Scott Abernathy, principal for the 1999 Elementary Summer School, stated his concern over observing Steven E. Magnuson change from being easy going to being agitated. He witnessed Steven E. Magnuson participate in a yelling verbal conflict with a student's parent within the hallway of the school.

10. Steven E. Magnuson referred to Annette Revert as a bitch when talking to Scott Abernathy.

11. Steven E. Magnuson said in his statement that his problems at Daniel Elementary were due to Barbara Hackney, referring to her as a weak administrator.

12. On April 24, 2000, Janet Rowe, Assistant Superintendent, issued Steven E. Magnuson a written reprimand for allowing and directing students in his

class to ridicule another 6th grade student on April 4. Steven E. Magnuson acknowledged in his statement that this was an error in judgment.

13. On May 9, 2000, Steven E. Magnuson submitted a letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2000, to Assistant Superintendent Margaret Whitney.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Steven E. Magnuson and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 353269D, of Steven E. Magnuson, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Steven E. Magnuson has violated WAC 180-86-013 and RCW 28A.410.010.

4. Steven E. Magnuson has violated the Agreed Order of Stayed Suspension dated May 20, 1997.

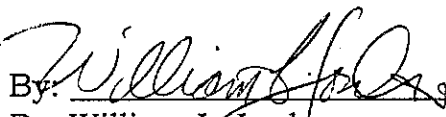
ORDER

THEREFORE, the Washington education certificate, No. 353269D, of Steven E. Magnuson is suspended.

Reinstatement shall be considered at the end of forty-eight (48) months from the date of this order and shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Steven E. Magnuson's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED This 29th day of March, 2001.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

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