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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D06-03-038
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Colleen McCoy)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 204638A)	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. 204638A, of Colleen McCoy for six (6) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Colleen McCoy was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 204638A, on June 14, 1974. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Colleen McCoy was employed by the Finley School District.
3. On October 12, 1999, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Finley 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 Colleen McCoy.

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4. On or about September 28, 1999, Ms. McCoy used inappropriate physical force towards a student who would not follow her directions.
5. On October 7, 1999, Ms. McCoy received a written reprimand for kicking a disruptive student on the leg.
6. On May 31, 2000, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, issued an Agreed Order of Reprimand. As part of the Agreed Order, Ms. McCoy was "ordered to not continue or repeat the conduct described..."
7. On March 29, 2006, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Finley 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 Colleen McCoy.
8. On November 10, 2005, Ms. McCoy struck a 6th grade male student with her knee on the side of the student's leg, causing the student to fall to the floor.
9. On November 16, 2005, Ms. McCoy was issued a Verbal Warning by Rod Bryson, Principal of Finley Middle School, for inappropriate contact with a student on November 10, 2005.

10. On November 27, 2007, Ms. McCoy participated in an interview with an OPP investigator.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Colleen McCoy and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 204638A, of Colleen McCoy, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Colleen McCoy has violated WAC 181-87-060, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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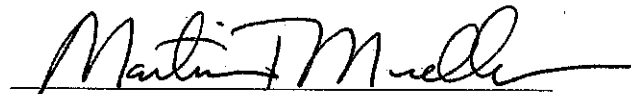
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ORDER

It has been thirty days since the Proposed Order of Suspension was received. The appeal time period has passed. It is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 204638A, of Colleen McCoy is Suspended.

DATED This 29th day of January, 2008.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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