



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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I, Mary Myrfield, certify that on December 26, 2002, 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 )  
KIT B. SIEGEL )  
Certificate No. 229090F )

OPP No. D99-01-001

AGREED ORDER  
OF SUSPENSION

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 suspend the Washington education certificate, No. 229090F, of Kit B. Siegel, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDING(S) OF FACT

1. Kit B. Siegel was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 229090F, on August 28, 1978. Kit B. Siegel currently holds a valid Washington educational certificate.

2. Kit B. Siegel was employed as a teacher at Hudson's Bay High School in the Vancouver School District.

3. On December 18, 1998, the Superintendent of the Vancouver School District filed a complaint with the Superintendent of Public Instruction alleging an act of unprofessional conduct by Ms. Kit B. Siegel.

4. On December 18, 1998, the Vancouver School District issued a letter of probable cause for Ms. Siegel's discharge from employment. The basis for the action was: (1) Ms. Siegel falsely and fraudulently signed the name of a parent on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for a special education student and (2) Ms. Siegel falsely told the acting principal of Hudson's Bay High School that she did not know who signed the parent's name to the IEP then later the same day she admitted signing it.

5. On February 8, 1999, the Vancouver School District entered into an agreement with Ms. Siegel withdrawing the letter of probable cause for discharge and allowed Ms. Siegel to continue to teach as a floating teacher/substitute until her retirement in June of 2000.

6. Kit B. Siegel admitted to the OSPI/OPP investigator that she forged a parent's signature on one IEP and then lied about it to her supervisor.

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

**CONCLUSION(S) OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Kit B. Siegel and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington education certificate, No. 229090F, of Kit B. Siegel, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Kit B. Siegel has violated WAC 180-87-060 (1), 180-86-013, and 180-86-014.

**ORDER**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington education certificate, No. 229090F, of Kit B. Siegel, be suspended for a minimum of six (6) months from the date of entry of this Order.

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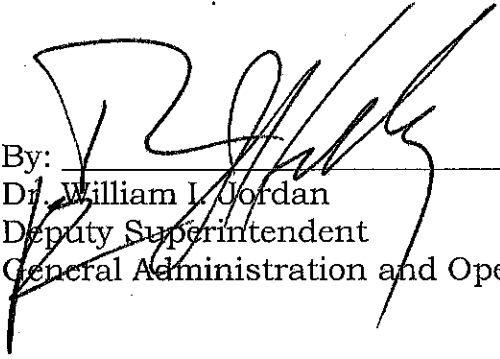
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Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Kit B. Siegel's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

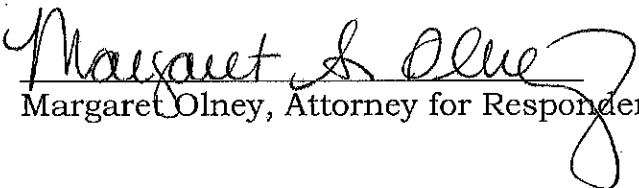
DATED This 23<sup>rd</sup> <sup>max</sup> day of January, 2001.

DR. TERRY BERGESON  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved  
For entry:

By:   
Dr. William L. Jordan  
Deputy Superintendent  
General Administration and Operations

  
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Kit B. Siegel, Respondent

  
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Margaret Olney, Attorney for Respondent