



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D03-01-003
)	
)	AGREED ORDER
GINNIE SUTTON)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 346970G)	
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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 stipulate by and between the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Ginnie Sutton, that the Washington education certificate, No.346970G, of Ginnie Sutton, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Ginnie Sutton was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 346970G, on July 25, 1996. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Ginnie Sutton was employed as a high school Special Education Teacher by the Sedro-Woolley School District.

3. On December 23, 2002, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Michael C. Casey, Superintendent of the Sedro-Woolley 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 Ginnie Sutton.

4. On December 10, 2002, Darrell Heisler, Executive Director of Human Resources, placed Ginnie Sutton on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into the allegations of inappropriate conduct, forging signatures on IEPs.

5. On January 16, 2003, the District issued a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge to Ginnie Sutton. Ms. Sutton timely filed her Statutory Notice of Appeal, therein appealing the Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge issued by the District.

6. OSPI has duly investigated the allegations contained in the complaint letter filed with the Office of Professional Practices and determined that Ginnie Sutton forged numerous signatures on student IEPs.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Ginnie Sutton and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington education certificate, No. 346970G, of Ginnie Sutton, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.
3. Ginnie Sutton has violated WAC 180-87.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington education certificate, No. 346970G, of Ginnie Sutton, be suspended for a minimum of six (6) months commencing on June 15th 2003.

Reinstatement will be automatic at the end of the six months provided there are no further violations after entry of this Order of the Code of Professional Conduct applicable to persons holding a Washington education certificate.

DATED This 16th day of July, 2003.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved
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Ginnie Sutton, Respondent

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