



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D06-12-096
	)	
	)	AGREED ORDER
Matthew Thacker	)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 274904B	)	
	)	

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 Matthew Thacker, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 274904B, of Matthew Thacker, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDING OF FACTS

1. Matthew Thacker was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 274904B, on September 4, 1986. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Matthew Thacker was employed by the Sequim School District.
3. On December 22, 2006, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Sequim School District alleging a lack of good

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moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Matthew Thacker.

4. During the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2006-2007 school year, Mr. Thacker used Sequim School District computer equipment to access and view websites that contained sexually explicit images.

5. On December 12, 2006, Mr. Thacker submitted a letter of resignation to the Sequim School District, resigning his teaching and coaching employment effective December 15, 2006.

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

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Matthew Thacker and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 274904B, of Matthew Thacker, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

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

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ORDER

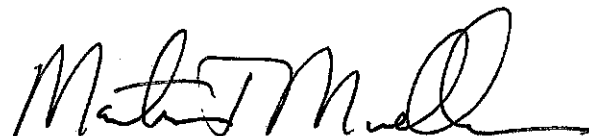
THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 274904B, of Matthew Thacker, be suspended for four (4) months from the date of entry of this Order.

Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Matthew Thacker's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall be contingent upon Mr. Thacker's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, and/or any felony convictions.

DATED This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2007.

DR. TERRY BERGESON  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved  
For entry; notice of presentation  
waived:

By:   
Martin T. Mueller  
Assistant Superintendent  
Student Support and Operations

  
Matthew Thacker, Respondent



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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Matthew Thacker  
[REDACTED]

RE: Certificate No.: 274904B  
OPP No.: D06-12-096

Dear Mr. Thacker:

Enclosed is an Agreed Order of Suspension issued by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Please sign the order where indicated and return to this office within 20 days. The order will become effective upon the final signature being affixed. A copy will be sent to you.

The Office of Professional Practices (OPP) reserves the right to proceed with an Order of Suspension if this Agreed Order is not signed and returned within twenty (20) days of receipt. If additional time is needed, please call OPP to request an extension.

If you have any questions, please contact Shaun Harman, the Investigator assigned to the case at, (360)725-6416.

Sincerely,

Charles Schreck, Director  
Office of Professional Practices

CS:pjc

Enclosed: Agreed Order of Suspension

cc: Anne Shaw, Assistant Attorney General

I, , certify that on 3/29/07, 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.