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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF:)	OPP No. D07-11-108
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)	AGREED ORDER
STEVEN F. WEIDENBACH, JR.)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 397541D)	
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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 Steven F. Weidenbach Jr., that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 397541D, of Steven Weidenbach, Jr., shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Steven Weidenbach, Jr. was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 397541D, on Steven Weidenbach, Jr. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Steven Weidenbach, Jr. was employed by the Fife School District.

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3. On November 8, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Fife 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 Steven Weidenbach, Jr.

4. During the 2006/2007 school year, Steven Weidenbach, Jr. made phone calls to and sent inappropriate text messages to both current and former female students.

5. On October 4, 2007, Fife School Resource Officer Sterba received a complaint of inappropriate text messages sent by Fife High School teacher, Steven Weidenbach Jr. to a female student.

6. On October 5, 2007, Fife Police Department detectives went to Fife High School and contacted Steven Weidenbach, Jr. Steven Weidenbach was arrested and transported to the Fife Police Department.

7. On October 5, 2007, Steven Weidenbach, Jr. was placed on administrative leave by the Fife School District.

8. Steven Weidenbach Jr. was charged in Fife Municipal Court with: two (2) counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090, Fife Case Number, 07-03825; and four (4) counts of Telephone Harassment, RCW 9.61.230, Fife Case Numbers: C25445, C25446, C26159, and C26160.

9. On March 23, 2008, Steven Weidenbach, Jr. entered a Statement of Defendant on Pklea of Guilty in Fife Municipal Court, to one (1) count of Telephone Harassment; Case Number: C26159.

10. On May 6, 2008, Steven Weidenbach, Jr. participated in an interview and later provided a written statement.

11. On October 9, 2008, Steven Weidenbach, Jr. signed a resignation agreement with the Fife School District to resign his employment; effective January 23, 2009.

12. On June 2, 2009, the Office of Professional Practices received a report of licensed psychologist, Vincent Gollogly, Ph.D. Dr. Gollogly's report stated that Steven Weidenbach, Jr. had been in treatment with him from, June 12, 2008 until May 22, 2009, and had successfully completed treatment.

13. On June 19, 2009, Officer Brooks Bailey, Fife Probation Department, verified that Steven Weidenbach Jr. had completed all requirements of his probation and that his case was now closed.

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

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Steven F. Weidenbach Jr. and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 397541D, of Steven F. Weidenbach Jr., should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Steven F. Weidenbach Jr. has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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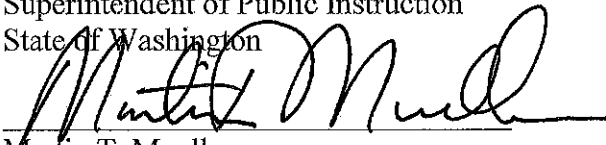
THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 397541D, of Steven F. Weidenbach Jr., be suspended for twelve (12) months from the date of entry of this Order.

REINSTATEMENT WILL REQUIRE successful completion of the following stipulations: (1) a letter from a treatment provider, agreed upon by both OPP and Steven F. Weidenbach Jr., which validates Steven F. Weidenbach Jr's ability to have unsupervised access to children; (2) that Steven F. Weidenbach Jr. provide written consent for OSPI to release documents to the evaluator for purposes of completing an evaluation course of treatment; (3) that Steven F. Weidenbach Jr. provides a release authorizing OPP to have access to records of any and all subsequent treatment undertaken; (4) and that the cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Steven F. Weidenbach Jr.

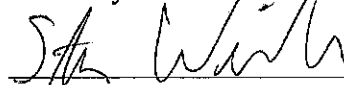
IN ADDITION, REINSTATEMENT SHALL ALSO require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Steven F. Weidenbach Jr's fingerprints checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall be contingent upon Steven F. Weidenbach Jr'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 25th day of August, 2009.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington


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Assistant Superintendent
Student Support

Stipulated to and approved
For entry:


Steven F. Weidenbach Jr., Respondent


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