



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Luisa Williams
OSPI Case Number: D18-05-051
Document: Agreed Order of Suspension

Regarding your request for information about the above-named educator; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Professional Practices. These records are considered certified by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Certain information may have been redacted pursuant to Washington state laws. While those laws require that most records be disclosed on request, they also state that certain information should not be disclosed.

The following information has been withheld: **None**

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the information that was redacted, if any, please contact:

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION |) | |
| CERTIFICATE OF |) | OPP No. D18-05-051 |
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| LUISA WILLIAMS |) | AGREED ORDER |
| Certificate No. 519227C |) | OF SUSPENSION |
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After receiving and investigating a complaint by the Texas Education Agency, State Board of Education for Educator Leadership and Quality (“TEA”) from the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Credentialing (“NASDTEC”) regarding the above referenced educator, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Agreed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, does hereby stipulate, by and between, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Office of Professional Practices, and Luisa Williams (“Educator”), that LUISA WILLIAMS lacks the good moral character and personal fitness required of Washington State Educators under WAC 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014, and that the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 519227C shall be SUSPENDED for not less than twelve (12) months with conditions enumerated below, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 17, 2015, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 519227C. The Educator’s substitute teacher certificate has no expiration date.
2. The Educator was issued a Texas Educator Certificate on May 21, 2003.
3. During the 2015–2016 school year, the Educator was employed in Texas by the Birdville, Independent School District as a bilingual kindergarten teacher.

4. On May 7, 2018, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received notice through NASDTEC that TEA had suspended the Educator’s Texas Educator Certificate.

5. On January 16, 2016, the Educator entered the George Beto Unit, a maximum security prison within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, with .05 ounces of loose leaf tobacco in two balloons concealed on her person with the intent to deliver the tobacco to an inmate.

6. On November 2, 2016, the Educator was charged with a 3rd Degree felony violation of Texas Penal Code Title 8, Section 38.11, Prohibited Substances and Items in a Correctional or Civil Commitment Facility.

7. On or about May 25, 2017, the Educator received a sentence of seven (7) years of Deferred Adjudication, \$1500 fine, 200 hours of community service, and costs of court.

8. On April 18, 2018, the Educator signed an Agreed Final Order with TEA, agreeing to a seven (7) year suspension of her Texas Educator Certificate, effective June 29, 2018.

9. On June 15, 2018, the Educator provided a response to OPP regarding the events that led to the deferred adjudication and Texas Educator Certificate suspension.

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II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Chapter 28A.410 RCW gives the Professional Educator Standards Board the authority to develop regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of the state of Washington. OSPI acts as the administrator of those statutes and regulations and has the authority to issue, reprimand, suspend, and revoke education certificates. RCW 28A.410.010; RCW 28A.410.090. Chapters 181-86 and 181-87 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) further implement OSPI's authority.

2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter of this action.

3. There is clear and convincing evidence that the Educator lacks the good moral character and personal fitness required of educators as defined in WAC 181-86-013, and -014, by her action of illegally providing prohibited items to an inmate in a state correctional facility.

4. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven factors, at a minimum, are to be considered to determine the appropriate level and range of educator discipline:

- (1) The seriousness of the act(s) and the actual or potential harm to persons or property;
- (2) The person's criminal history including the seriousness and amount of activity;
- (3) The age and maturity level of participant(s) at the time of the activity;
- (4) The proximity or remoteness of time in which the acts occurred;
- (5) Any activity that demonstrates a disregard for health, safety or welfare;
- (6) Any activity that demonstrates a behavioral problem;
- (7) Any activity that demonstrates a lack of fitness;
- (8) Any information submitted regarding discipline imposed by any governmental or private entity as a result of acts or omissions;
- (9) Any information submitted that demonstrates aggravating or mitigating circumstances;
- (10) Any information submitted to support character and fitness; and
- (11) Any other relevant information submitted.

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5. Based on the foregoing facts and considering them in light of the eleven factors enumerated in WAC 181-86-080, and in light of WAC 181-86-070, WAC 181-86-013, and WAC 181-86-014, the Educator's education certificate should be suspended for unprofessional conduct and/or a behavioral problem which endangers the educational welfare or personal safety of students, teachers, or other colleagues within the educational setting.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 519227C of LUISA WILLIAMS is **SUSPENDED**. The Educator may not request reinstatement of her education certificate for at least twelve (12) months from the effective date of this ORDER.

REINSTATEMENT of Luisa Williams' education certificate shall require:

- (1) Proof of continuing compliance with terms of adjudicated sentence for Cause #369 CR 16-3300;
- (2) The Educator must submit a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP;
- (3) The Educator must complete a fingerprint-based criminal background check through both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Washington State Patrol;
- (4) The Educator's fingerprint background check must return with no criminal convictions occurring after the date of issuance of a Final Order of Suspension, that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, or any felony convictions;
- (5) The Educator shall assume all costs of complying with the requirements of this Order


DATED this 26th day of February, 2019.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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Chief Legal Officer

Stipulated to and approved
For entry:



Luisa Williams, Respondent