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RE: Ian Strait  
OSPI Case Number: D17-03-026  
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 )  
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IAN STRAIT )  
Certificate No. 401708C )  
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OPP No. D17-03-026

AGREED ORDER  
OF SUSPENSION

After receiving and investigating a complaint from Lake Quinault School District (“School District”) 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 IAN STRAIT (“Educator”), that the Educator engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct to include WAC 181-87-060(1) and that the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 401708C shall be SUSPENDED for not less than nine (9) months with conditions enumerated below, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

## I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 20, 2002, the Educator was issued Substitute Teacher Certificate No. 401708C. The Educator’s Certificate will expire on June 30, 2019

2. On or about March 23, 2017, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”), within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”), received a complaint letter from Richard D. DuBois, Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator was arrested by the Grays Harbor Sheriff’s Office for Assault 4 with sexual motivation.

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3. The Educator has been employed with the School District since approximately the 2002–2003 school year. The Educator has taught a variety of classes based on the needs of the School District and the students.
4. On or about March 17, 2017, a report was made to the Grays Harbor Sheriff’s Office alleging that the Educator was inappropriately touching an elementary student. Video footage was captured of the Educator rubbing the student’s side while she stood in front of the class.
5. On or about March 20, 2017, the Educator was arrested by Grays Harbor Sheriff’s Office deputy sheriffs.
6. On March 21, 2017, Mr. Joseph A. Bassetti, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, filed an Amended Criminal Complaint in Grays Harbor County District Court, Cause No. CR52377, charging the Educator with three (3) counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree in violation of RCW 9A.36.041 and with Sexual Motivation under RCW 9.94A.835.
7. On October 11–12, 2017, the Educator was tried in a bench trial in Grays Harbor County District Court. Judge entered an oral ruling on October 12, 2017, finding the Educator guilty of two (2) counts of Assault in the Fourth degree, but without sexual motivation. The third count was dismissed because one of the alleged victims did not testify.
8. On October 30, 2017, a Judgment and Sentence was filed in Grays Harbor County District Court. The Educator appealed the trial court’s decision to Grays Harbor Superior Court.
9. On June 29, 2018, Grays Harbor Superior Court upheld the trial court ruling of guilty.
10. In May 2018, the Educator submitted his resignation from the Lake Quinault School District; effective August 31, 2018.

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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 discussed herein.
3. The Educator committed acts of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-87-060(1), violating appropriate boundaries, when he brought students up to the front of the class and inappropriately touched them.
4. There is clear and convincing evidence that the Educator committed acts of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-86-170.
5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven (11) 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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6. 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, and WAC 181-87-060(1), the Educator's education certificate should be suspended for unprofessional conduct.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 401708C of IAN STRAIT is **SUSPENDED**. The Educator may not request reinstatement of his education certificate for at least nine (9) months from the effective date of this ORDER.

**REINSTATEMENT** of Ian Strait's education certificate shall require:

- (1) In addition to any mandatory continuing education, the Educator must complete and submit a Psychosexual Evaluation by a mutually agreed upon licensed Psychologist. If treatment is recommended, the Educator must successfully complete any and all recommended treatment. The Educator cannot seek reinstatement until all recommended treatment has been successfully completed by the original evaluator, and the Educator is determined to be safe to be with children in an unsupervised capacity;
- (2) The Educator will provide written consent for OPP to release documents to the provider for purposes of completing the evaluation;
- (3) The Educator will provide OPP with treatment records and proof of successful completion of treatment prior to requesting reinstatement.
- (4) The Educator must submit a new application, including a Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP;
- (5) The Educator must complete a fingerprint-based criminal background check through both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Washington State Patrol;
- (6) 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; and
- (7) The Educator shall assume all costs of complying with the requirements of this Order.

DATED This 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

CHRIS REYKDAL  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved  
For entry:

Dierk Meierbachtol  
Chief Legal Officer

Ian Strait  
Ian Strait, Respondent

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