



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Stephanie McCrea
OSPI Case Number: D15-02-011
Document: Final Order of Mandatory Permanent Revocation

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.

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D15-02-011
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Stephanie McCrea)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 437413H)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
)	REVOCATION

INTRODUCTION

After receiving and investigating a complaint from Evergreen (Washington) School District regarding the above referenced educator, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, Deputy Superintendent Gil Mendoza, Ed.D, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that Stephanie McCrea engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct to include sexual misconduct with a student, a felony criminal conviction for Rape of a Child 3rd Degree, and inappropriate communications with a student.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 25, 2006, Stephanie McCrea was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 437413H. That certificate currently remains valid.

Sexual Misconduct and Inappropriate Relationship with Student

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2. On multiple occasions in December 2014 and January 2014, Stephanie McCrea was involved in an inappropriate relationship with a 15 year old male student. The events of the relationship, but not limited to, were:

- a. Sexual intercourse with a 15 year old male student
- b. Sexual contact with a 15 year old male student
- c. Electronic communication of a non-educational nature with a 15 year old male student
- d. Discussion with the male student of what he was to say if questioned by authorities about the relationship with Stephanie McCrea

3. On January 9, 2015, Stephanie McCrea was verbally placed on administrative leave and on April 3, 2015, Stephanie McCrea signed a Settlement Agreement with the Evergreen Public Schools and resigned her position, effective June 31, 2015.

Criminal Investigation and Prosecution

4. On January 9, 2015, a law enforcement investigation and subsequent prosecution was initiated. Vancouver Police Department Incident Report No. V15-467; Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 15-1-00155-8

- a. On January 27, 2015, Stephanie McCrea was arrested and booked into Clark County Jail for criminal charges of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree (RCW9A.44.079), Tampering with a Witness (RCW 9A.72.120), Sexual Misconduct 1st Degree (RCW 9A.44.093) and Sexual Misconduct 2nd Degree (RCW 9A.44.096).
- b. On January 31, 2015, an Information and Clark County Custody Pre-Book/Probable Cause Sheet were filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Stephanie McCrea with four counts of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree (RCW9A.44.079), Tampering with a Witness (RCW 9A.72.120), and 4 counts of Sexual Misconduct 1st Degree (RCW 9A.44.093)
- c. On July 29, 2015, an Amended Information was filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Stephanie McCrea with four counts of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree (RCW 9A.44.079) and Tampering with a Witness (RCW 9A.72.120) ; Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 15-1-00155-8
- d. On July 30, 2015, a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty was filed in Clark County Superior Court for Cause No. 15-1-00155-8. In the statement, Stephanie McCrea pled guilty to the offenses listed in the Amended Information and stated that she had engaged in sexual intercourse with a 15 year old male student and had discussed with him withholding information if questioned by authorities.

- e. On October 16, 2015, Stephanie McCrea was found guilty by plea and sentenced.
6. Stephanie McCrea, through her attorney, has been offered an opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. Stephanie McCrea's attorney declined to provide a response.
7. Stephanie McCrea has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(4). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.

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, suspend, and revoke education certificates. RCW 28A.410.090. WAC 181-86 and WAC 181-87 further implement OPSI's authority.
2. OSPI has jurisdiction over Stephanie McCrea and the subject matter discussed herein.
3. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact establishes by a clear and convincing evidence that Stephanie McCrea committed an act of unprofessional conduct. WAC 181-86-170 (Burden of Proof); WAC 181-87-080 (Sexual Misconduct with a Student); WAC 181-87-060(1) (Disregard or Abandonment of Generally Recognized Professional Standards)

4. Eleven factors 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;
- (11) And any other relevant information submitted.

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 181-86-075(Grounds for issuance of a revocation order), RCW 28A.410.090(4)(c), WAC 181-87-080 (Sexual Misconduct with a Student); WAC 181-87-060(1) (Disregard or Abandonment of Generally Recognized Professional Standards), Stephanie McCrea should be permanently revoked for unprofessional conduct and a felony sex offense conviction.

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III. ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 437413H, of Stephanie McCrea be permanently revoked.

DATED This 9th day of December, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Signed: Gil Mendoza, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education