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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D10-09-056
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Tyler Benedict)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 418018H)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
_____)	REVOCATION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), 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 permanently revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 418018H, of Tyler Benedict, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tyler Benedict was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 418018H, on July 8, 2004. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Tyler Benedict was employed by the Evergreen Public Schools.

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3. On September 7, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from John Deeder, the superintendent of the Evergreen Public Schools alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Evergreen Public Schools.

4. During the 2009-2010 school year and continuing until July 31, 2010, Tyler Benedict engaged in an inappropriate relationship with R.F. a female 17-year old Evergreen Public Schools student; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case # 10-1124.

5. On more than one occasion, between June 15, 2010 and July 15, 2010, Tyler Benedict had sexual contact and sexual intercourse with R.F., a female 17 year old Evergreen Public Schools student; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case # 10-1124.

6. On July 31, 2010, after discovering text messages between Tyler Benedict and R.F. arranging a meeting at Heritage High School for that day, Robert [REDACTED], R.F.'s step-father, contacted the Clark County Sheriff's Office; Clark County Sheriff's Department Case # 10-1124.

7. On July 31, 2010, Tyler Benedict was interviewed by detectives from Clark County Sheriff's Department. Tyler Benedict was arrested and booked into the Clark County Jail for two (2) counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree; RCW 9A.44.093.

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8. On August 3, 2010, after a court hearing and when Tyler Benedict was released from custody, he was issued a No Contact Order directing him to have no contact with minor females or go where children congregate; Clark County Superior Court Case No. 10-1-01257-5.

9. On August 4, 2010, an Information was filed in Clark County Superior Court, charging Tyler Benedict with two (2) Counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.093; Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-01257-5.

10. On August 27, 2010, Tyler Benedict met with Jerry Piland, the Executive Director of Human Resources. At that time, Jerry Piland verbally placed Tyler Benedict on administrative leave.

11. On October 7, 2010, Tyler Benedict signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Sex Offense and pleaded guilty to one (1) count Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree, RCW 9A.44.093; Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-01257-5.

12. On October 12, 2010, OPP sent a letter to Tyler Benedict, to give him the opportunity to interview or submit a statement. On October 27, 2020, OPP received a letter from Betty [REDACTED] Tyler Benedict's mother, advising that he did not wish to write a statement.

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13. On October 14, 2010, Superintendent John Deeder sent Tyler Benedict a letter of probable cause for termination. Tyler Benedict did not file an appeal of the termination.

14. On November 19, 2010, Tyler Benedict was found guilty by plea and sentenced in Clark County Superior Court. A Felony Judgment and Sentence was filed in Clark County Superior Court. Tyler Benedict was also served with a Sexual Assault Protection Order, prohibiting him from contact with R.F., until November 18, 2015; Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-01257-5.

15. Tyler Benedict has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(3). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.

16. 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 Tyler Benedict and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 418018H, of Tyler Benedict, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

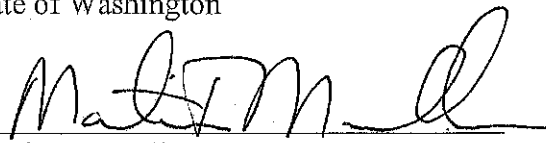
3. Tyler Benedict has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 418018H, of Tyler Benedict be permanently revoked.

DATED This 23rd day of February, 2011.

RANDY L. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Martin T. Mueller
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Student Support

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