

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION | ) |                    |
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| CERTIFICATE OF                 | ) | OPP No. D10-07-047 |
|                                | ) |                    |
|                                | ) | AGREED ORDER       |
| Taryn Fairbanks                | ) | OF PERMANENT       |
| Certificate No. 390326G        | ) | REVOCATION         |
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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 Taryn Fairbanks, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 390326G, of Taryn Fairbanks, shall be permanently revoked, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Taryn Fairbanks was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 390326G, on August 16, 2001. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Taryn Fairbanks was employed by the Seattle Public Schools.

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- 3. On July 12, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Taryn Fairbanks.
- 4. On June 4, 2010, Taryn Fairbanks submitted a letter of resignation to the Seattle Public Schools, resigning her employment effective June 30, 2010.
- 5. On the night of June 23, 2010, Taryn Fairbanks exchanged text messages with A.B., a male Garfield High School student. A.B. was having a juvenile party at his residence while his parents were gone and A.B. invited Taryn Fairbanks to come to his residence; King County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-06181-5SEA.
- 6. On June 23, 2010, Taryn Fairbanks went to A.B.'s residence and engaged in oral sex with A.B.; King County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-06181-5SEA.
- 7. On June 29, 2010, the Seattle Police Department received an anonymous complaint that Taryn Fairbanks had engaged in sexual activity with a Garfield High School Student; King County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-06181-5SEA.

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- 8. On July 6, 2010, Taryn Fairbanks participated in an interview with a Seattle Police Department detective. During the interview, Taryn Fairbanks, among other statements, said that she had engaged in an act of oral sex with A.B. on June 23, 2010; King County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-06181-5SEA.
- 9. On July 13, 2010, an <u>Information</u> and <u>Certification for Determination of Probable Cause</u> were filed in King County Superior Court, Cause Number 10-1-06181-5SEA, charging Taryn Fairbanks with Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.093; King County Superior Court Cause No. 10-1-06181-5SEA.
- 10. On March 17, 2011, Taryn Fairbanks signed a <u>Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty</u>, in which she pleaded guilty to the charges listed in the original <u>Information</u>.
- 11. Taryn Fairbanks is scheduled for judgment and sentencing in King County Superior Court on April 8, 2011.
- 12. Taryn Fairbanks 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.
- 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 Taryn Fairbanks and over the subject matter of this action. |
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| 2.       | OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education          |
| Certifi  | cate, No. 390326G, of Taryn Fairbanks, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-  |
| 86-07:   | 5.   |
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| 3.       | Taryn Fairbanks has violated WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014,           |
| and/or   | RCW 28A.410.090.   |
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## **ORDER**

Therefore, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 390326G, of Taryn Fairbanks be permanently revoked.

DATED This 14th day of Apr

RANDY I. DORN

Superintendent of Public Instruction

State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved

For entry:

Martin T. Mueller

Assistant Superintendent

**Student Support and Operations** 

Taryn Farbanks, Respondent

Attorney for Respondent

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