

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D01-10-111
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	)	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
Bonnie Powell	)	
Certificate No. 128118G	)	
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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 suspend the Washington Education Certificate No. 128118G, of Bonnie Powell for twenty four (24) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Bonnie Powell was issued a Washington education certificate, No. 128118G, on December 17, 1963. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Bonnie Powell was employed by the Cascade School District.
- 3. On October 26, 2001, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Cascade School District 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 Bonnie Powell.

- 4. In June, 2001, Bonnie Powell took male high school student X from her school to Philadelphia for a job interview, and shared a room at the Holiday Inn in with him for four nights. In the Fall of 2001, this student spent the night at Bonnie Powell's residence while she was there.
- 5. During 2001, Bonnie Powell allowed Cascade School District students to consume alcohol.
- 6. Bonnie Powell made plans to live with male student X, if she received a job offer in Greece or Italy.
- 7. On October 19, 2001, Bonnie Powell was given a probable cause for discharge letter by the Cascade School District.
- 8. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington education certificate.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Bonnie Powell and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 128118G, of Bonnie Powell, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Bonnie Powell has violated: WAC 180-86 and WAC 180-87.

## <u>ORDER</u>

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 128118G, of Bonnie Powell be suspended for a minimum of twenty four (24) months.

Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Bonnie Powell's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED This 27 day of Odobor, 2003.

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