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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D21-11-030
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LANCE EGLI)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 385970R)	OF MANDATORY
)	PERMANENT REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from Monroe School District regarding the above referenced Educator, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds that LANCE EGLI ("Educator") has been convicted of a crime listed in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.400.322 and per RCW 28A.410.090(4) does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator's Washington Education Certificate No. 385970R, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On April 12, 2001, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 385970R. The Educator's certificate, a Residency Administrator (First Issue), currently has no expiration date.
- 2. During the 2020–2021 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at Monroe High School as a School Psychologist.
- 3. On October 19, 2021, the Office of Professional Practices ("OPP") within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction ("OSPI") received a complaint from Justin Blasko, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator had been arrested on suspicion of felony sex crimes against children.

- 4. Between late May or early June of 2021 through the end of September 2021, the Educator had electronic conversations with two persons he believed were under the age of 16 years.
- 5. In September 2021, the Educator, through electronic communications, made statements about wanting to and having sexual contact and sexual intercourse with two persons he believed were under the age of 16 years.
- 6. On October 8, 2021, the Educator was arrested by Redmond Police Department police officers and booked into King County Jail on charges of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090.
- 7. On October 8, 2021, the Educator was placed on administrative leave by the Monroe School District.
- 8. On October 12, 2021, an Information and Probable Cause Statement were filed in King County Superior Court charging the Educator with four (4) counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090(2).
- 9. On December 31, 2021, the Educator signed a Settlement Agreement with the School District. Per the agreement, the Educator resigned his employment effective February 28, 2022.
- 10. On June 8, 2023, an Amended Information was filed in King County Superior Court charging the Educator with one (1) count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes–felony, RCW 9.68A.090(2) and one (1) count of Attempted Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes–gross misdemeanor, RCW 9.68A.090(1).
- 11. On June 8, 2023, two (2) Statements of Defendant on Plea of Guilty were filed in King County Superior Court.

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- 12. On July 14, 2023, in King County Superior Court, the Educator was found guilty, by plea, of one (1) count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes–felony, RCW 9.68A.090(2) and one (1) count of Attempted Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes–gross misdemeanor, RCW 9.68A.090(1). The Educator was sentenced to:
 - a. 364 days incarceration with all but 90 days suspended;
 - b. 24 months supervision by the Washington State Department of Corrections after release from incarceration;
 - c. Sex Offender Registration; and,
 - d. Other requirements.

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 of this action.
- 3. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-070, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of a crime specified in RCW 28A.410.090(4).
- 4. Pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4) and WAC 181-86-013(1), (2), a plea of guilty or a conviction of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes–felony mandates OSPI to permanently revoke the Educator's certificate.

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- 5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-170, WAC 181-86-013(4), and WAC 181-86-014, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has a behavioral problem that endangers the educational welfare or personal safety of students.
- 6. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven 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.
- 7. 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, RCW 28A.410.090(4), and WAC 181-86, the Educator's education certificate should be permanently revoked for demonstrating a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013(1) and committing a felony crime under RCW 28A.410.090(4) which bars the Educator from any future practice as an educator.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 385970R, LANCE EGLI, is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED.**

DATED this 30th day of November, 2023.

CHRIS REYKDAL Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

Matthew A. Schultz

Chief Legal and Civil Rights Officer