



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D23-11-067
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THEODORE DODGE)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 528328H)	OF MANDATORY
)	PERMANENT REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from Brewster School District regarding the above referenced Educator, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds that THEODORE DODGE (“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. 528832H, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 12, 2016, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 528328H. The Educator’s certificate will expire on June 30, 2024.
2. During the 2023–24 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at Brewster Elementary School as a 4th grade classroom teacher.
3. On November 8, 2023, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Lynette Blackburn, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator had been arrested and charged with a felony sex offense involving a minor.

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4. Between October 26, 2023, and October 28, 2023, the Educator participated in online communications with a person he believed to be a 13-year-old female. The person the Educator believed was a 13-year-old female was a law enforcement officer assigned to an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Comments the educator made included, but are not limited to:
 - a. The sexual actions/activities they would engage in when they met;
 - b. Arrangements to meet with the 13-year-old in Longview, Washington on November 28, 2023, at a specific location.
5. On November 28, 2023, the Educator was arrested in Longview, Washington by law enforcement as he attempted to gain entry into a location where the supposed 13-year-old female was staying.
6. On November 1, 2023, the Educator was charged, in Cowlitz County Superior Court, with one count of Attempted Rape of a Child 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.076, and one count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090(2).
7. On January 8, 2024, the Educator signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty and pleaded guilty to one count of Attempted Rape of a Child 2nd Degree.
8. On February 26, 2024, the Educator was found guilty, by plea, in Cowlitz County Superior Court of Attempted Rape of a Child 2nd Degree. The Educator was sentenced to 58.5 months of custody, community custody if released from incarceration prior to the end of sentence, Sex Offender Registration, and other conditions.
9. The Educator resigned his employment with the Brewster School District.
10. On or about March 4, 2024, OPP received a copy of a photographed letter to the Brewster School District in which the Educator resigned his employment as the Educator's response to the allegations of misconduct.

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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(2), a plea of guilty or a conviction of Attempted Rape of a Child 2nd Degree, "bars the certificate holder from any future practice as an education practitioner" and mandates OSPI to permanently revoke the Educator's certificate.

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 181-86-075, permanent revocation is appropriate discipline when (1) the superintendent of public instruction has determined that the education practitioner has committed a felony crime under WAC 181-86-013 (1) or (2) which bars the education practitioner from any future practice as an education practitioner.

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7. 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.

8. 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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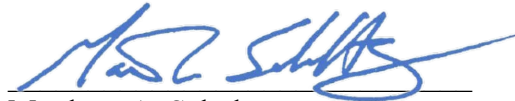
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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 528328H of THEODORE DODGE is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

DATED this _____ 1st _____ day of _____ July _____, 2024.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Matthew A. Schultz
Chief Legal and Civil Rights Officer