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# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
CERTIFICATE OF )

OPP No. D24-06-044

DERIK DETWEILER )  
Certificate No. 571657F )

FINAL ORDER  
OF MANDATORY  
PERMANENT REVOCATION

After receiving and investigating a complaint from Lake Washington School District (“School District”) regarding the above referenced educator, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds that DERIK DETWEILER (“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 Washington Education Certificate No. 571657F and does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator’s ability to apply for reinstatement based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

## I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 27, 2020, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 571657F. The Educator’s certificate will expire on June 30, 2028.

2. During the 2023–24 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at Redmond High School as a School Counselor.

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3. On June 7, 2024, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Jon Holmen, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator had been arrested for sex crimes against a minor.
4. From January 2024 to May 2024, the Educator engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old female student which included, but was not limited to:
  - a. Transporting her in his private vehicle;
  - b. Communicating with her through electronic means;
  - c. Taking steps to ensure the electronic messages were lost after the student read them;
  - d. Making comments to her such as he wanted to kiss her, marry her when she turned 18 years of age, and other comments;
  - e. Giving her a key to his residence; and,
  - f. Having the student visit him at his residence on multiple occasions.
5. On or about May 20, 2024, at the Educator’s residence, the Educator provided alcohol to the student and engaged in sexual contact with the student.
6. On or about May 22, 2024, the student reported the Educator’s actions to a Redmond High School employee. Redmond Police Department was notified and initiated an investigation.
7. On May 30, 2024, the Educator was arrested in Wyoming by Park County Sheriff’s Office deputy sheriffs.
8. On May 30, 2021, an Information and Certification for Determination of Probable Cause were filed in King County Superior Court charging the Educator with Communication With a Minor For Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090(2), Sexual Misconduct 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.096, and Supplying Liquor to a Minor, RCW 66.44.270(1).

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9. On June 5, 2024, the Educator signed a Settlement Agreement with the School District; resigning his employment effective June 30, 2024.
10. On October 16, 2024, the Educator signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty.
11. On November 20, 2024, the Educator was found guilty, by plea, of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090(2). The Educator was sentenced to three months incarceration, 12 months community custody upon release, sex offender registration, and additional conditions. The Educator was also found guilty, by plea, of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.096, and Supplying Liquor to a Minor, RCW 66.44.270(1). The Educator was sentenced to 364 days incarceration with the sentence suspended, twenty-four months community custody, and additional conditions.

## **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. RCW Chapter 28A.410 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 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) WAC 181-86-013(2), a plea of guilty or a conviction of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090(2) 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.

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), WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-87-080, 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), committing an act of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-87-080, and being convicted of a felony crime under RCW 28A.410.090(4) which bars the Educator from any future practice as an educator.

### III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that Washington Education Certificate No.571657F and Derik Detweiler's ability to hold a Washington Education Certificate is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2025.

CHRIS REYKDAL  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

  
Darryl E. Colman  
Chief Legal and Civil Rights Officer