



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Stephen Brown
OSPI Case Number: D12-12-081
Document: Permanent Revocation

Regarding your request for information about the above-named educator; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Professional Practices. These records are considered certified by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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The following information has been withheld: **None**

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION |) | |
| CERTIFICATE OF |) | OPP No. D12-12-081 |
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| Stephen P. Brown |) | FINAL ORDER OF |
| Certificate No. 467385A |) | MANDATORY PERMANENT |
| |) | REVOCATION |

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 permanently revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 467385A, of Stephen P. Brown, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephen P. Brown was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 467385A, on November 23, 2009. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Stephen P. Brown was employed by the Sunnyside School District.

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3. On December 3, 2012, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Sunnyside School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Stephen P. Brown.

4. Between July 15, 2012 and August 31, 2012, Stephen P. Brown had inappropriate sexual contact with an 8 year old female at a Richland, WA area community pool; Benton County Superior Court Cause Number 12-1-01252-4.

5. In October 2012, Richland, WA Police Department Detective Athena Clark received a Child Protective Services (CPS) report from a local mental health provider and certified sex offender treatment provider that Stephen P. Brown had admitted to the mental health provider that he had inappropriately touched the “private parts” of at least two minor females in a community swimming pool; Benton County Superior Court Cause Number 12-1-01252-4.

6. On October 23, 2012, an Information and Motion for Arrest/Detention (Probable Cause) were filed in Benton County Superior Court charging Stephen P. Brown with the felony crime of Child Molestation 1st Degree, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.083; Benton County Superior Court Cause Number 12-1-01252-4.

7. On November 29, 2012, Stephen P. Brown submitted his resignation, effective same day, to the Sunnyside School District.

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8. On March 20, 2013, Stephen P. Brown signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilt pleading guilty to Child Molestation 1st Degree, RCW 9A.44.083. Stephen P. Brown stated that, “The following happened in Benton, Co., WA on 8.15.12: I am more than 36 mos older than JRP, & not married to her. I touched her for purposes of sexual gratification. She was less than 12 yo at that time.”; Benton County Superior Court Cause Number 12-1-01252-4.

9. On March 26, 2013, Stephen P. Brown was notified of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct, per RCW 28A.410.090. On April 4, 2013, OPP received a signed statement from Stephen P. Brown.

10. On July 1, 2013, Stephen P. Brown was found guilty by plea of Child Molestation 1st Degree, RCW 9A.44.083, and sentenced; Benton County Superior Court Cause Number 12-1-01252-4.

11. Stephen P. Brown 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.

12. 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 Stephen P. Brown and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 467385A, of Stephen P. Brown, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 467385A, of Stephen P. Brown be permanently revoked.

DATED This 4 day of September, 2013.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Signed: Alan Burke, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education

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