

# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Darrel Dwight OSPI Case Number: D15-05-034 Document: Mandatory 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	) )
DARREL J. DWIGHT Certificate No. 425918J	)
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OPP No. D15-05-034 FINAL ORDER OF MANDATORY PERMANENT REVOCATION

## INTRODUCTION

After receiving and investigating a complaint from Evergreen School District ("the School District") regarding the above referenced educator, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that the Educator engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct to include WAC 181-86-013(2).

# I. FINDINGS OF FACT

On April 28, 2005, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate, No.
 425918J. That certificate currently remains valid.

# Criminal Investigation and Prosecution

2. On December 24, 2014, the Educator was arrested and booked into Clark County Jail for criminal charges of Receipt of Material Constituting or Containing Child Pornography, and Possession of Child Pornography; 18 U.S.C. §2252(a)(2);18 U.S.C. §2252(b)(1); 18 U.S.C. §2252(a)(4) and 18 U.S.C. §2252(b)(2).

3. On December 24, 2014, a Complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington at Tacoma, Cause # MJ14-4257.

4. On April 26, 2016, the Educator executed a plea agreement, by entering a plea of guilty for the criminal charge of Possession of Child Pornography; 18 U.S.C. §2252(a)(4)(B) and 18 U.S.C §2252(b)(2).

5. On August 22, 2016, the Educator was sentenced to fifteen (15) months imprisonment in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons.

6. The Educator, through their attorney, has been offered an opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. As of the date of this Order, the Educator has not responded to OPP.

7. The Educator has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime listed in RCW 28A.410.090(4). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke Education Certificate number, 425918J, of Darrel J. Dwight.

#### 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 OPSI's authority.

2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter discussed herein.

3. The Educator committed acts of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-86-013.

4. There is clear and convincing evidence that the Educator committed unprofessional conduct. WAC 181-86-170.

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### 5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080 eleven (11) 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.

6. 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 (Grounds for Issuance of an Order of Revocation), RCW 28A.410.090(4)(c), WAC 181-86-013, and WAC 181-86-014, Darrel J. Dwight's education certificate should be permanently revoked for unprofessional

conduct and a felony sex offense.

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## III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 425918J, of DARREL J. DWIGHT be permanently revoked.

DATED This 12th day of December, 2016.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

Signed: Dierk Meierbachtol Chief Legal Officer Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction