RE: Christopher Evans
        OSPI Case Number: D07-07-067
        Document: Suspension

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.

Certain information may have been redacted pursuant to Washington state laws. While those laws require that most records be disclosed on request, they also state that certain information should not be disclosed.

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

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the information that was redacted, if any, please contact:

        OSPI Public Records Office
        P.O. Box 47200
        Olympia, WA 98504-7200
        Phone: (360) 725-6372
        Email: PublicRecordsRequest@k12.wa.us

You may appeal the decision to withhold or redact any information by writing to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, OSPI P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D07-07-067
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	)	AGREED ORDER
CHRISTOPHER EVANS	)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 336810G	)	
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COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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 stipulate by and between the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Christopher Evans, that the Washington Education Certificate, No.336810G, of Christopher Evans, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Christopher Evans was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 336810F on March 29, 1995. That certificate expired on June 30, 2010. The actions described in the following Findings of Fact occurred while Washington Education Certificate, No. 336810G, was valid.

2. Christopher Evans was employed by the Edmonds School District.

3.   On July 11, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Dr. Nick Brossoit, Superintendent of the Edmonds School District, alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Christopher Evans.

4.   On August 8, 2000, Christopher Evans signed an Edmonds School District Electronic Information Networks Staff Access Informed Consent form.

5.   On April 9, 2007, T. W., an 18 year old student, contacted Edmonds Police regarding harassment by Christopher Evans, to include but not limited to, emails, texts and phone calls. After investigation, it was determined by Edmonds Police that Christopher Evans had not committed a crime; Edmonds Police Report No. 07-1522.

6.   On April 20, 2007, Christopher Evans was placed on Paid Administrative Leave by Ellen Kahan, Edmonds School District Assistant Superintendent.

7.   On April 23, 2007, T. W. petitioned Snohomish County District Court for an Order for Protection Unlawful Harassment against Christopher Evans: Cause No. U07-45

8.   On April 23, 2007, Snohomish County District Court issued a Temporary Protection Order and Notice of Hearing preventing Christopher Evans from contact with T.W. That Order was thereafter vacated by the Court on May 7, 2007.

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9.   On May 5, 2007, Tam Osborne, Director of Certified Staff for Edmonds School District, delivered an Apple IBOOK G4laptop computer and a Compaq desktop IPAQ, assigned to Christopher Evans, to Soeren Poulsen at Poulsen and Associates, for a computer forensic examination due to the allegations related to violating the District's electronic systems use policy. The allegations did not relate to pornography. He was not accused of viewing pornography; he was accused of violating the district's electronic systems use policy; the hearing officer found that the policy was vague, imprecise & the materials viewed did not violate the policy.

10.   On July 3, 2007, Christopher Evens was issued a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge by Dr. Nick Brossoit.

11.   On July 9, 2007, Christopher Evans requested a hearing to determine whether Edmonds School District had sufficient cause to terminate his employment.

12.   In May 2008, a hearing was held regarding Christopher Evans' termination from the Edmonds School District.

13.   On June 2, 2008, Thomas D. Adams, Hearing Officer, issued a decision and determined that, "Just cause does not exist for the termination of Christopher L. Evans". The Hearing Officer also found no violation of the electronic systems policy due to it's vagueness.

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14.   During the 2008-2009 school year, Christopher Evans discussed subjects with his students, to include, but not limited to rape, sperm banks, gay rights, gay marriages and the female students having their periods.

15.   During the 2008-2009 school year, on several occasions Christopher Evans showed his students video clips, shows, and subject matter to include but not limited to, videos on sagging pants, sexting, news stories about children being kidnapped, raped and killed, and segments from *Saturday Night Live*, using his school owned laptop computer and the overhead screen.

16.   During the 2008-2009 school year, Christopher Evans touched students on several occasions to include but not limited to running his index finger up and down the middle of students' torsos from navel to neck. This was done in a joking manner however it made some students uncomfortable.

17.   On April 21, 2009, Christopher Evans was escorted to his classroom by Principal Margaret Mesaros for the purpose of retrieving the school owned computer assigned to him.

18.   On July 10, 2009, Dr. Nick Brossoit, superintendent of the Edmonds School District notified the Office of Professional Practices of an additional investigation of alleged misconduct by Christopher Evans while teaching at Spruce Elementary.

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19.   On April 22, 2009, Christopher Evans was placed on Paid Administrative Leave by Assistant Superintendent, Debby Carter.

20.   On August 18, 2009, Christopher Evens entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release with Edmonds School District with the assistance of his UniServ representative. The Agreement required Christopher Evans to exhaust his sick and annual leave and then to remain on administrative leave until his resignation date of March 26, 2010.

21.   On August 18, 2009, Christopher Evans also submitted a letter of resignation to the Edmonds School District, effective March 26, 2010.

22.   On August 10, 2010, North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board, received an application for a North Dakota Educator's Professional License from Christopher Evans. Under Part 2 of the Professional License Application, Christopher Evans falsely answered "No" to question #4 which reads, "Have you ever been dismissed (fired) from any teaching job, resigned at the request of your employer, or while charges against you or an investigation of your behavior were pending? You must answer "yes" even if the matter was later resolved with any form of settlement or severance agreement regardless of its terms."

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23.	On August 10, 2010, North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board received an application for a North Dakota Educator's Professional License from Christopher Evans. Under Part 2 of the Professional License Application, Christopher Evans falsely answered "No" to question #5 which reads, "Are you presently being investigated by your current or any previous employer or by any licensing, certification, or other regulatory body for any alleged misconduct or other alleged grounds for discipline?"

24.	On August 24, 2010, Christopher Evans participated in an interview with an OPP investigator.

25.	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 Christopher Evans and over the subject matter of this action.

2.   OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 336810G, of Christopher Evans, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3.   Christopher Evans has violated: RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-070(2), WAC 181-87-050(1) and WAC 181-87-060.

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CHRISTOPHER EVANS
AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION   -7-

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that Christopher Evans' ability to apply for reinstatement of Washington Education Certificate No. 336810G, be suspended for two (2) months from the date of entry of this Order.

Reinstatement will require successful completion of mutually agreed upon training on appropriate/inappropriate relations with students and classroom management. Reinstatement shall also require submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Christopher Evans' fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Christopher Evans' fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, and/or any felony convictions. The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Christopher Evans.

DATED This 24th day of September, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved
For entry: Signed: Alan Burke, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education

Signed: Christopher Evans, Respondent

Signed: James Gasper, Attorney for Respondent
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