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RE: Karen Jarvis  
OSPI Case Number: D08-09-067  
Document: 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.

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](mailto:PublicRecordsRequest@k12.wa.us)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D08-09-067
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Karen Jarvis	)	AMENDED FINAL
Certificate No. 232471C	)	ORDER OF REVOCATION
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COMES NOW Walt Bigby, Review Officer of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), having reviewed the files of the above-referenced case, and having considered the arguments of each party and the recommendation of the Admissions and Professional Conduct Advisory Committee, does hereby revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 232471C of Karen Jarvis, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen Jarvis was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 232471C, on March 16, 1979. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Karen Jarvis was employed by the University Place School District.
3. On September 12, 2008, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the University Place School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Karen Jarvis.

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4. During the 2005-2006 school year, Karen Jarvis used inappropriate techniques when attempting to correct inappropriate behavior by students in her special education class at Drum Intermediate School.

5. In December 2006, Karen Jarvis attended SECURE recertification training for the University Place School District.

6. During the 2007-2008 school year, A.T. was an 11 year old, 5<sup>th</sup> grade male special education student in Karen Jarvis' classroom at Intermediate Middle School. A.T. had an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) and a Behavioral Intervention Plan (B.I.P.).

7. In December 2007, A.T., struck Tina Hansen, a para-educator assigned to Karen Jarvis' classroom. Karen Jarvis used inappropriate physical force with A.T. during her attempt to take disciplinary action with A.T.

8. During the 2007-2008 school year, C.B. was a 13 year old male special education student in Karen Jarvis' classroom at Drum Intermediate School. C.B. had an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.).

9. On January 10, 2008, Drum Intermediate School participated in a "lock-down drill" exercise.

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10. After the drill commenced, C.B. placed himself under his desk. Karen Jarvis removed C.B. from his position under his desk and took him to the bathroom. Karen Jarvis used inappropriate physical force while moving C.B. to and into the classroom bathroom.

11. On January 25, 2008, University Place Police Department / Pierce County Sheriff's Office was notified of the incident of January 10, 2008 and began an investigation; Report #080250818.

12. On January 25, 2008, Karen Jarvis was placed on administrative leave by the University Place School District.

13. On March 13, 2008, a Criminal Complaint was filed in Pierce County District Court charging Karen Jarvis with Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.36.041; Case # 8YC001083. On August 27, 2008, Karen Jarvis was found guilty, after a jury trial, of Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

14. On September 15, 2008, Karen Jarvis submitted a letter of resignation to the University Place School District.

15. On September 19, 2008, Karen Jarvis was sentenced in Pierce County District Court. Karen Jarvis appealed the verdict to Pierce County Superior Court; Cause No. 08-1-04771-9.

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16. On June 26, 2009, Pierce County Superior Court affirmed the verdict from Pierce County District Court; Superior Court Cause No. 08-1-04771-9. On July 21, 2009, Karen Jarvis filed an appeal of this decision with the Washington Court of Appeals, Division II.

17. On September 22, 2009, Karen Jarvis participated in an interview with an OPP investigator. On October 8, 2009, OPP received Karen Jarvis' signed statement.

18. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Karen Jarvis and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 232471C, of Karen Jarvis, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Karen Jarvis has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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## **ORDER**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 232471C, of Karen Jarvis be revoked.

This order will become final thirty (30) calendar days from the date this order is mailed unless respondent files an appeal for a formal hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Please direct the appeal and request for formal hearing to Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Administrative Resource Services, Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

RANDY I. DORN  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Signed: Dr. Walt Bigby  
Review Officer

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