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RE: Gregory Lisewych  
OSPI Case Number: D17-07-055  
Document: Final Order of 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  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7200  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
CERTIFICATE OF )

OPP No. D17-07-055

GREGORY A. LISEWYCH )  
Certificate No. 417769G )

FINAL ORDER  
OF SUSPENSION

After receiving and investigating a complaint from Quincy School District (“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 GREGORY A. LISEWYCH (“Educator”) engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct to include WAC 181-87-060(1) and WAC 181-86-013, and does hereby SUSPEND the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 417769G for not less than two (2) years with conditions enumerated below, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 1, 2004, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 417769G. The Educator’s certificate will expire on June 30, 2019.

2. During the 2016–2017 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at Quincy High School as a math teacher.

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3. On June 21, 2017, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Mr. John Boyd, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging that the Educator has committed unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-87 for posting inappropriate information regarding a student on a social media site.

4. The Educator has not had any previous disciplinary action with OPP.

5. In or around May 2017, the Educator was assisted by State Patrol for a mental health incident and taken to a local medical facility for assessment and treatment. At the time of this incident, the Educator was not in the classroom setting, and he was not acting in his role as a teacher.

6. On or about June 2, 2017, the Educator informed school administrators that he would be requesting sick leave for the remainder of the school year and did not intend to return the following school year. The Educator resigned from his teaching position that same day.

7. On or about June 13, 2017, the Quincy School Board of Directors accepted the Educator’s resignation from his teaching position with the School District.

8. On or about June 18, 2017, the Educator was arrested by the Quincy Police Department for posting videos with threatening messages directed at a high school student at Quincy High School. The Educator was charged with Cyberstalking.

9. On or about October 25, 2017, the Educator pleaded guilty to Cyberstalking, a gross misdemeanor. The Educator was sentenced to 364 days in jail with 239 days suspended (125 days total) with supervised probation upon release.

10. As of the date of this order, the Educator is not employed as a teacher in the state of Washington.

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## **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 OSPI's authority.

2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter of this action.

3. The Educator has demonstrated a lack of good moral character or personal fitness and committed acts of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-87-060(1) and WAC 181-86-013 when the Educator posted threatening videos about a student on a social media site.

4. There is a clear and convincing evidence that the Educator is not of good moral character or personal fitness and has committed acts of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-86-170.

5. 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.

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 181-86-070, WAC 181-87-060(1) and WAC 181-86-013, the Educator's education certificate should be suspended for unprofessional conduct and/or a behavioral problem which endangers the educational welfare or personal safety of students, teachers, or other colleagues within the educational setting.

### **III. ORDER**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 417769G of GREGORY A. LISEWYCH is **SUSPENDED**. The Educator may not request reinstatement of his education certificate for at least two (2) years from the effective date of this ORDER.

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**REINSTATEMENT** of Gregory A. Lisewych's education certificate shall require:

- (1) The Educator must complete and submit a psychological evaluation by a mutually agreed upon licensed Psychiatrist. The Educator must successfully complete any and all recommended treatment. The Educator cannot seek reinstatement until all recommended treatment has been successfully completed and the original evaluator determines that the Educator is safe to be with children in an unsupervised capacity;
- (2) The Educator must submit a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP;
- (3) The Educator must complete a fingerprint-based criminal background check through both the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Washington State Patrol;
- (4) The Educator's fingerprint background check must return with no criminal convictions, occurring after the date of issuance of a Final Order of Suspension, that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, or any felony convictions;
- (5) The Educator shall assume all costs of complying with the requirements of this Order.

DATED this 11th day of June, 2018.

CHRIS REYKDAL  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Signed: Dierk Meierbachtol  
Chief Legal Officer