



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: James Panter
OSPI Case Number: D12-04-022
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:

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)

James Panter)
Certificate No. 455183D)

OPP No. D12-04-022

FINAL ORDER
OF SUSPENSION

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 suspend the Washington Education Certificate No. 455183D, of James Panter for two (2) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. James Panter was issued a Washington education certificate, No. 455183D, on May 27, 2009. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. On March 20, 2012, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received information through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, that the state of Utah had taken action against James Panter's teaching credentials.
3. During the 2010-2011 school year, James Panter was employed by the Carbon School District in Price, Utah.

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4. From as early as December of 2010 through May of 2011, on a near daily bases, James Panter attempted to access and view web sites known to contain images depicting sexually explicit conduct using Carbon School District computer equipment.

5. On an unknown date in April of 2011, James Panter resigned from his employment with Carbon School District.

6. On June 7, 2011, Foster Lott, Carbon School District Technology Specialist, discovered that James Panter tried to access websites known to display images depicting sexually explicit conduct by way of school district computer during the month of May.

7. On June 8, 2011, Robert Cox, Carbon School District Special Programs Director, completed a Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Notification of Alleged Education Misconduct concerning James Panter for attempted misuse/misuse of school or district-owned computer equipment.

8. On December 29, 2011, a Complaint was filed by the UPPAC against James Panter for violation of Utah Educator Standards.

9. On January 19, 2012, James Panter signed a Stipulated Agreement before the UPPAC accepting an eighteen (18) month suspension with stipulations for reinstatement.

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10. On January 30, 2012, the UPPAC sent a Memorandum to the Utah State Board of Education recommending the suspension of James Panter's license.

11. On February 15, 2012, James Panter was notified by the Utah State Board of Education that at its February 3, 2012 meeting, formal action was taken to suspend James Panter's license effective immediately.

12. On June 18, 2012, OPP sent a letter to James Panter advising him of his opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. A response was not received from James Panter.

13. 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 James Panter and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 455183D, of James Panter should be suspended for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. 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. 455183D, of James Panter be suspended for two (2) months.

REINSTATEMENT shall require submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having James Panter's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon James Panter's 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

DATED This 17 day of December, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

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