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## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Matthew Pedersen  
OSPI Case Number: D11-03-014  
Document: Agreed 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  
P.O. Box 47200  
Olympia, WA 98504-7200  
Phone: (360) 725-6372  
Email: [PublicRecordsRequest@k12.wa.us](mailto: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.



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| IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION | ) |                    |
| CERTIFICATE OF                 | ) | OPP No. D11-03-014 |
|                                | ) |                    |
|                                | ) | AGREED ORDER       |
| Matthew Pedersen               | ) | OF SUSPENSION      |
| Certificate No. 419340E        | ) |                    |
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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 Matthew Pedersen, that the Washington Education Certificate, No.419340E, of Matthew Pedersen, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### **FINDING OF FACTS**

1. Matthew Pedersen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 419340E, on August 29, 2003. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Matthew Pedersen was employed by the Bainbridge Island School District.

3. On March 8, 2011, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Bainbridge Island 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 Matthew Pedersen.

4. During the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 school year, Matthew Pedersen used Bainbridge Island School District computer resources to access and attempt to access sexually explicit materials.

5. Bainbridge Island School District Policy No: 2315, Network Acceptable Use Guidelines/Internet Safety Policy states that: “(1) All use of the system must be in support of education and research and consistent with the mission of the district. (7) Use of the system to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.”

6. On January 13, 2011, Matthew Pedersen was placed on paid administrative leave.

7. On January 28, 2011, Matthew Pedersen provided a written statement to the Bainbridge Island School District.

8. On February 23, 2011, Matthew Pedersen signed a settlement agreement with the Bainbridge Island School District in which he resigned his position effective August 31, 2011.

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

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Matthew Pedersen and over the subject matter of this action.
  
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 419340E, of Matthew Pedersen, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.
  
3. Matthew Pedersen 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 and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 419340E, of Matthew Pedersen, be suspended for four (4) months from the date of entry of this Order.

Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Matthew Pedersen's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Matthew Pedersen'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 30th day of April, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved  
For entry:

Signed: Martin T. Mueller  
Assistant Superintendent  
Student Support

Signed: Matthew Pedersen, Respondent

Signed: Michael Gawley, Attorney for Respondent  
WSBA #22110

MATTHEW PEDERSEN  
AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION