

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Dacia Schoengarth OSPI Case Number: D10-04-021 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.

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The following information has been withheld: None

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF	) ) )
Dacia Schoengarth Certificate No. 346267H	) ) )

OPP No. D10-04-021 AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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 Dacia Schoengarth, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 346267H, of Dacia Schoengarth, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDING OF FACTS

Dacia Schoengarth was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 346267H, on July
15, 1996. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Dacia Schoengarth was employed by the Wenatchee Public Schools.

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3. On April 1, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Wenatchee Public Schools alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Dacia Schoengarth.

4. On January 9, 2008, Dacia Schoengarth removed items, worth \$96.99, from a Wenatchee, WA Shopko store without paying for the items. Dacia Schoengarth was arrested by Wenatchee Police Department, issued criminal Citation #C64330 for Theft 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree- Shoplift, Wenatchee Municipal Code (CW) 6A.06.010, and booked into the Chelan County Regional Justice Center; Wenatchee Police Department case number 08W00511.

5. On January 10, 2008, Dacia Schoengarth was charged in Chelan County District Court with Theft 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, CW 6A.06.010; Chelan County District Court case #C00064330 WPD.

6. On February 21, 2008, in Chelan County District Court, an Order of Compromise of Misdemeanor was filed. Dacia Schoengarth paid a fine of \$150 to the court and the matter was dismissed upon payment; Chelan County District Court case #C00064330 WPD. As part of the Compromise of Misdemeanor, Dacia Schoengarth made civil reparations to Shopko and she was prohibited from entering the store for a period of one (1) year.

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7. On or between December 15, 2007 and September 11, 2009, Dacia Schoengarth engaged in a pattern of taking merchandise out of the East Wenatchee, WA Costco store without paying for the items, listing stolen items for sale on her private e-Bay account and selling stolen items from her e-Bay account; East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6.

8. On or between December 15, 2007 and September 11, 2009, Dacia Schoengarth used her Wenatchee Public Schools assigned laptop computer to access her e-Bay account for purposes of listing and selling most of the merchandise that she had stolen from Costco; East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6.

9. In September of 2009, the manager of the East Wenatchee Costco contacted East Wenatchee Police Department to report the loss of large amounts of merchandise from the store that was being sold on Dacia Schoengarth's e-Bay account. Items stolen and sold included, but not limited to: blu-ray movies; video games; facial cream; and digital cameras; East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6.

10. On September 11, 2009, a Costco store employee observed Dacia Schoengarth use a box cutter to alter merchandise packaging, conceal the merchandise in her purse and exit the store without paying for the merchandise. Dacia Schoengarth was contacted by Costco employees and

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then by East Wenatchee Police Department East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6.

11. On September 11, 2009, East Wenatchee Police Department officer(s) located items that Dacia Schoengarth had stolen from Costco that day and located previously stolen items in her vehicle that were packaged and addressed for mailing to other persons. Dacia Schoengarth told officer/s, among other comments, that: she had used a razor blade to open items and then put the items in her purse; left the store without paying for the items; and said that she took the items as gifts for friends and family; East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6.

11. On September 11, 2009, Dacia Schoengarth provided false and misleading information to an East Wenatchee Police Department officer about items she had stolen, about previously stolen items that were in her vehicle, and stolen items in her vehicle that were packaged for mailing. Dacia Schoengarth also attempted to conceal stolen items from the East Wenatchee Police officer; East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6.

12. On October 23, 2009, an <u>Information</u> and a <u>Probable Cause Declaration</u> were filed in Douglas County Superior Court charging Dacia Schoengarth with Trafficking in Stolen Property 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.82.050, and Theft 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.56.030, with Special Allegation-Aggravating Circumstances-Major Economic Offense; Douglas County Superior Court Case #09-1-00195-6. 13. On March 15, 2010, Dacia Schoengarth signed a <u>Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty</u>, in Douglas County Superior Court, stating: "Between the dates indicated by the State in the Information filed October 23, 2009, I did knowingly initiate the theft of stolen property for sale to others in the County of Douglas".

14. On March 22, 2010, in Douglas County Superior Court, Dacia Schoengarth was found guilty by plea of Trafficking in Stolen Property 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, RCW 9A.82.050, and sentenced.

15. East Wenatchee, WA Costco store management estimates that the merchandise stolen and listed on Dacia Schoengarth's e-Bay account valued over \$10,000; East Wenatchee Police Department case No.'s 09E04832/09E04863 and Douglas County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-00195-6. Dacia Schoengarth estimates that she earned about \$6,000 in proceeds from the sale of stolen merchandise on her e-Bay account.

16. On March 24, 2010, Dacia Schoengarth was placed on administrative leave by the Wenatchee Public Schools.

17. On April 7, 2010 and April 28, 2010, Dacia Schoengarth participated in meetings with Wenatchee Public Schools administrators.

18. On May 25, 2010, Dacia Schoengarth signed a <u>Settlement Agreement</u> with the Wenatchee Public Schools. As part of the settlement, Dacia Schoengarth was suspended until her effective resignation date of August 31, 2010.

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19. On April 27, 2011, Dacia Schoengarth participated in an interview with an OPP investigator. OPP received Dacia Schoengarth's signed statement on May 20, 2011.

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

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Dacia Schoengarth and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 346267H, of Dacia Schoengarth, should be suspended for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-070, WAC 181-87-060; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

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#### <u>ORDER</u>

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 346267H, of Dacia Schoengarth, be suspended for thirty (30) months effective November 1, 2012.

**REINSTATEMENT** will require: (1) No criminal violations during the period of suspension; (2) continuation of current mental health treatment; (3) compliance with directions of mental health treatment provider; (4) an evaluation by a mutually agreed upon mental health professional three (3) months prior to conclusion of period of suspension to determine whether progress in treatment demonstrates that Dacia Schoengarth is not likely to engage in acts similar to trafficking in stolen property or theft of property; (5) that Dacia Schoengarth provide written consent for OPP to release documents to the provider for purposes of completing the evaluation; that Dacia Schoengarth will provide OPP with evidence of her successful completion of or continued compliance in his/her treatment program; and (5) if requested, Dacia Schoengarth will sign consent forms authorizing OPP to have access to all records pertaining to her treatment and to discuss any and all treatment undertaken with the providers administering treatment. The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Dacia Schoengarth.

**AND** Reinstatement shall (also) require: (1) submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Dacia Schoengarth's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP); and (2) that if Dacia Schoengarth's education certificate expires during the period of suspension, Dacia Schoengarth will show that he meets all academic requirements for renewal/reinstatement of the education certificate. Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Dacia Schoengarth's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, any felony convictions.

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DATED This 8th day of November, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved For entry:

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

Dacia Schoengarth, Respondent

Signed: Ken Kanikeberg Chief of Staff K-12 Education

This Agreed Order of Suspension Stipulated to and Approved For Entry:

Dated: 11/6/12

Signed: Dacia Schoengarth

Signed: Kevan Montoya, Attorney for Respondent WSBA #19212