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RE: Timothy Stewart  
OSPI Case Number: D09-01-006  
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. D09-01-006

TIMOTHY STEWART )  
Certificate No. 392773H )  
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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 Timothy Stewart, that the Washington Education Certificate, No.392773H, of Timothy Stewart, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### **FINDING OF FACTS**

1. Timothy Stewart was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 392773H, on October 22, 2001. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Timothy Stewart is employed by Federal Way Public Schools.

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3. On January 9, 2009, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Tom Murphy, the superintendent of Federal Way Public Schools, 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 Timothy Stewart.

4. On or about June, 2008, Timothy Stewart wrote a note in a notebook belonging to T.T., a 16 year old female student in his class. The note was written in an attempt to cheer T.T. up because she was moving away, however the suggestive verbiage in the note made her extremely uncomfortable.

5. On October 17, 2008, Timothy Stewart was placed on administrative leave.

6. On November 19, 2008, Timothy Stewart signed a Last Chance Agreement with the District, agreeing to the ten day suspension and compliance to numerous district rules and policies.

7. On November 24, 2008, Timothy Stewart returned to work using his administrative leave time for the 10 day suspension that was issued by the district.

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

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Timothy Stewart and over the subject matter of this action.
  
  2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 392773H, of Timothy Stewart, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.
  
  3. Timothy Stewart has violated: RCW 28A.410.090, and/or WAC 181-87-060.
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## **ORDER**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 392773H, of Timothy Stewart, be suspended for thirty (30) days 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 Timothy Stewart's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Timothy Stewart'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 8th day of July, 2011

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: Timothy Stewart, Respondent

Signed: Tyler Firkins, Attorney for Respondent  
WSBA #20964

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