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RE: Jannine Allen

OSPI Case No.: D13-08-042 Document: Revocation

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**

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)	OPP No. D13-08-042
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Jannine Allen)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 497579C)	OF REVOCATION
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COMES NOW Walt Bigby, Review Officer of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), having reviewed the files of the above-referenced case, and having considered the arguments of each party and the recommendation of the Admissions and Professional Conduct Advisory Committee, does hereby order that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 497579C, of Jannine Allen be revoked based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Jannine Allen was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 497579C, on April 24,
 The certificate issued was for substitute teacher certification. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Jannine Allen was a candidate for teacher certification after the completion of a teacher education program through Heritage University.

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- 3. On August 26, 2013, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Yakima School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Jannine Allen.
- 4. On July 21, 2012 and September 29, 2012, Jannine Allen took the Washington Educator Skills Test (WEST-E) subject matter test in biology. Jannine Allen failed to pass the tests.
- 5. On December 8, 2012 and April 13, 2013, Jannine Allen took the WEST-E subject matter test in science. Jannine Allen failed to pass the tests.
- 6. On August 31, 2012, Jannine Allen created an online application through the Yakima School District Human Resources online application system.
- 7. On April 15, 2013, Jannine Allen submitted an application for a substitute teaching certificate through Heritage University.
- 8. On April 19, 2013, Jannine Allen submitted an institutional application for teacher certification (residency teacher application) through Heritage University. That residency teacher application was placed on hold at Heritage University pending Jannine Allen's successful completion of the WEST-E subject matter testing requirements.

- 9. On April 24, 2013, Jannine Allen was issued a Washington substitute teaching certificate through Heritage University.
- 10. On June 3, 2013, Jannine Allen created an application profile through a cooperative online job center that serves the East Valley, Finley, Granger, Mount Adams, Prosser, Toppenish and Wapato school districts.
- 11. On June 14, 2013, Jannine Allen took the WEST-E subject matter test in science.
- 12. On or about July 3, 2013, Jannine Allen was notified via email and the National Evaluation Services (NES) website of her failure of the WEST-E subject matter test in Science.
- 13. On an unknown date after April 24, 2013 and prior to July 25, 2013, Jannine Allen created a fraudulent residency teaching certificate for herself. This certificate shows an invalid certificate number 498375A, an issue date of June 24, 2013 and an endorsement in Science.
- 14. During the months of June, July and August, 2013, Jannine Allen submitted applications through the cooperative online job center for full time certificated science and/or math teacher positions in the Wapato, Toppenish and Prosser school districts.

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- 15. On July 24, 2013, Jannine Allen submitted an online application for full time science teacher positions through the online application system of the Yakima School District. Jannine Allen uploaded the fraudulent residency teaching certificate she created, Certificate No. 498375A, into her online profile.
- 16. On August 1, 2013, Jannine Allen interviewed for a full time science teacher position in the Yakima School District.
- 17. On August 12, 2013, the Human Resources staff at Yakima School District contacted the OSPI Certification office via email regarding two certificate numbers for Jannine Allen and the legitimacy of a scanned residency teaching certificate that Jannine Allen had provided to the Yakima School District. The OSPI Certification Office confirmed that they did not process the certificate and the number 498375A listed on the residency teaching certificate is not a valid certificate number.
- 18. On August 13, 2013, Jannine Allen interviewed for a .6 FTE science teacher position in the Wapato School District.

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- 19. On August 22, 2013, the Human Resources staff at Wapato School District printed the application and supporting documentation of Jannine Allen from the cooperative online job center application system. The fraudulent residency teaching certificate, No. 498375A, was included in the uploaded supporting documentation from the application profile of Jannine Allen. The Wapato Human Resources staff contacted Jannine Allen regarding their concerns with her certificate.
- 20. On August 22, 2013, Jannine Allen removed the fraudulent residency certificate, No. 498375A, from her online profile in the cooperative online job center application system.
- 21. On September 6, 2013, OPP contacted Heritage University and verified that Jannine Allen was not eligible for a residency teaching certificate because she has not completed the WEST-E subject area testing requirements.
- 22. On September 20, 2013, Jannine Allen submitted a letter to OPP. In the letter, Jannine Allen intentionally made false and misleading statements about the allegations including, but not limited to, uncertainty of how a false certificate could be made or sent and that her estranged husband was responsible for the fraudulent certificate.
- 23. On May 19, 2014, Jannine Allen took the WEST-E subject matter test in science. Jannine Allen failed to pass the test.

- 24. On June 25, 2014, Jannine Allen participated in an interview with an OPP investigator. During the interview, Jannine Allen intentionally made false and/or misleading statements.
- 25. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Jannine Allen and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 497579C, of Jannine Allen, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-87-050; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

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<u>ORDER</u>

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 497579C, of Jannine Allen be revoked.

This order will become final thirty (30) days after the postmarked date of mailing of this order unless respondent files an appeal for a formal hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Please direct the appeal and request for formal hearing to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Administrative Resource Services, Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

DR. WALT BIGBY Review Officer

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