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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D18-05-054
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RONALD GUIER)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 546309F)	OF MANDATORY
)	PERMANENT REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from the Bellingham School District (“School District”), and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that RONALD GUIER (“Educator”) demonstrated a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014, and does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 546309F, pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4)(c), based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 7, 2017, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 546309F. The Educator’s certificate expires June 30, 2019.
2. During the 2017–2018 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District as a Paraeducator and Certificated Instructor at Roosevelt Elementary School and Districtwide.
3. On April 17, 2018, the Educator was charged with multiple counts of Rape of a Child, Child Molestation, Indecent Liberties, Incest, and Tampering with a Witness.

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4. The Educator raped and molested his mentally vulnerable stepson from the approximate age of seven years old, continuing off-and-on until the victim was twenty-three years old.
5. On April 23, 2018, the Educator submitted his resignation to the School District.
6. On or about May 10, 2018, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Greg Baker, Ed.D, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging that the Educator demonstrated a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014.
7. On March 11, 2019, the Educator pleaded guilty to one count of Child Molestation in the Second Degree, one count of Incest in the First Degree, and one count of Rape of a Child in the Third Degree.
8. On May 6, 2019, the Educator was given an Exceptional Sentence pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535, and sentenced to 120 months incarceration on Count I, 120 months on Count II, and 36 months on Count III, running consecutively until a 20 year prison term, the statutory maximum, is reached, after which the Educator will spend 36 months under community custody supervision and be required to register as a sex offender.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Chapter 28A.410 RCW gives the Professional Educator Standards Board the authority to develop regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of the state of Washington. OSPI acts as the administrator of those statutes and regulations and has the authority to issue, reprimand, suspend, and revoke education certificates. RCW 28A.410.010; RCW 28A.410.090. Chapters 181-86 and 181-87 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) further implement OSPI’s authority.
2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter of this action.

3. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-070, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of a crime specified in RCW 28A.410.090(4).

4. Pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4) and WAC 181-86-013(1), a plea of guilty or a conviction of a felony crime against a child, as specified by RCW 28A.410.090 and RCW 28A.400.322, bars the certificate holder from any future practice as an education practitioner and requires OSPI to permanently revoke the Educator's certificate.

5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-070, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator lacks the good moral character and personal fitness to serve as a professional educator. This is evidenced by his repeated sexual abuse of his mentally vulnerable stepson over the course of approximately sixteen years.

6. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven factors, at a minimum, are to be considered to determine the appropriate level and range of educator discipline:

- (1) The seriousness of the act(s) and the actual or potential harm to persons or property;
- (2) The person's criminal history including the seriousness and amount of activity;
- (3) The age and maturity level of participant(s) at the time of the activity;
- (4) The proximity or remoteness of time in which the acts occurred;
- (5) Any activity that demonstrates a disregard for health, safety or welfare;
- (6) Any activity that demonstrates a behavioral problem;
- (7) Any activity that demonstrates a lack of fitness;
- (8) Any information submitted regarding discipline imposed by any governmental or private entity as a result of acts or omissions;
- (9) Any information submitted that demonstrates aggravating or mitigating circumstances;
- (10) Any information submitted to support character and fitness; and
- (11) Any other relevant information submitted.

7. Based on the foregoing facts, and considering them in light of the eleven factors enumerated in WAC 181-86-080, and in light of WAC 181-86-075, RCW 28A.410.090(4), and WAC 181-86, the Educator's education certificate should be permanently revoked.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 546309F of RONALD GUIER is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2019.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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