



PUYALLUP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms Adelle Nore
Office of Professional Practices
Old Capitol Building
PO Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

Dear Ms. Nore:

Pursuant to WAC 180-87-080 Sexual Misconduct with Students and WAC 180-87-095 Failure to File a Complaint, I am submitting the name of Joe Morrison, a teacher at Kalles Junior High School for a possible violation of the Code of Professional Conduct. Attached you will find a copy of a letter written by Mr. Morrison to an eighth grade female student of his. The letter was turned over to the school administration on January 26, 2000, at which time the teacher was placed on Administrative Leave. The District immediately began an investigation. Mr. Morrison has admitted to authoring the note. As a result of Mr. Morrison's actions, he has resigned his teaching position with the Puyallup School District effective June 30, 2000. In the meantime, he has been placed on Administrative Leave.

For your assistance with this complaint, I have enclosed copies of the following materials:

Employment Application
Placement File
1999 Evaluation

Resume
Telephone References
Letter to Student

Please feel free to work with Dr. Molly Ringo, Assistant Superintendent, for further information or materials required for your investigation.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Sovde
Superintendent

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Enclosures

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