



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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June 29, 2000

Mr. Ruben Rojas

Re: Washington Certificate No. 235646G

Dear Mr. Rojas:

As you are aware the Highline School District filed a formal complaint with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction/Office of Professional Practices alleging that you had committed acts of unprofessional conduct. Our investigation is nearly concluded and we are preparing to take action on your Washington certificate.

As we discussed on the phone, the student involved in this complaint has come forward and she is willing to testify as to what happened. There are a number of other allegations as well dating into the 1980's. My supervisor has instructed me to prepare an order proposing the revocation of your Washington teaching certificate. A proposed order can be appealed at two levels. One year after a Final Order of Revocation is entered you are eligible to reapply for a Washington certificate.

If you appeal the proposed action the legal cost to the department is substantial. Therefore the Office of Professional Practices is willing to negotiate an agreed order. In your case, the agreed order would be the agreed suspension of your certificate rather than the revocation of it. A suspension is for a period of time specified in the order, usually between one and three years. An agreed order can not be appealed and you can not reapply for educational credentials in Washington during the time it is in effect.

Another option for you to consider is the surrender of your certificate. If you decide to surrender your Washington teaching certificate no further action will be taken and the case will be closed. I have enclosed a copy of a surrender form and an envelope for your

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convenience. If you choose to surrender your certificate you will need to include the certificate along with the signed form.

Any final action taken either by you or against you will cause your name to be placed on the national NASDEC register. This does not affect your certification in other state as any action take by another jurisdiction is independent of Washington.

Please feel free to contact your attorney before making a final decision. If I do not hear from you within 10 days I will proceed with the Proposed Order of Revocation. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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