

STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF
RUEBEN ALFREDO ROJAS
(Certificate No. 235646G)**

OPP NO. D96-02-007

AGREED ORDER OF STAYED SUSPENSION

COMES NOW the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and 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 stay the suspension of the education certificate of Rueben Alfredo Rojas, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rueben Alfredo Rojas was issued Washington education certificate No. 235646G on September 4, 1979. That certificate currently remains valid.

18 2. Mr. Rojas was employed by the Highline School District during the 1995-96 school
19 year.

20 3. On December 8, 1995, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI,
21 received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Highline School District alleging a lack
22 of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct,
23 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Mr. Rojas.

24 4. On several different occasions between 1994 and 1996, Mr. Rojas made
25 inappropriate comments to students and acted inappropriately toward students.

5. On June 15, 1996, the Highline School District and Mr. Rojas entered into a settlement agreement. Mr. Rojas resigned from his position as a certificated employee with the Highline School District effective June 30, 1996.

6. Mr. Rojas has been employed by the Lake Elsinore Unified School District in California as a classroom teacher and athletic coach since August 27, 1997. According to the Lake Elsinore Unified School District, there have been no complaints made against Mr. Rojas.

7. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Rueben Alfredo Rojas and over the subject matter of this action.

12. WAC 180-86 and 180-87 and RCW 28A.410 are controlling in this matter.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the suspension of the Washington education certificate of Rueben Alfredo Rojas, No. 23546G, is stayed on condition the following requirements are met within one year of this Order:

17 1. submission of a new application provided by OPP;

18 2. submission of fingerprints for clearance by the FBI and Washington State Patrol;

18 3 Mr. Rojas will obtain

20 professional that verifies he does not pose a threat to students;

21 4. Mr. Rojas will sign a release so that OSPI may provide information to the evaluator
22 and obtain a copy of the completed evaluation;

23 5. Mr. Rojas will provide OSPI with signed affidavits from superintendents in all
24 California school districts where he has been employed since 1996 verifying his good moral
25 character; and

1 6. The stayed suspension shall be terminated if all requirements are met within one
2 year of the signing of this Agreed Order. If the requirements are not met within one year of the
3 signing of this Agreed Order, the suspension will take effect and shall run for at least one year, and
4 shall remain in place until all the foregoing requirements are met.

5 DATED this _____ day of _____, 2001.

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