

April 26, 2016

Catherine Slagle, Director
Office of Professional Practices
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

Re: Eric Smethrud
Certificate Number: 360657A

Dear Ms. Slagle:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction a written complaint regarding conduct by a certificated employee of the Evergreen School District which was unprofessional and/or indicative of a lack of personal fitness. The complaint is submitted to OSPI pursuant to the requirements of WAC 181-86-110. The complaint relates to the conduct of a certificated employee by the name of Eric Smethrud, Certificate No. 360657A.

The conduct about which I have concerns involve the following:

- Supplying alcohol during the fall of 2015 to a former underage student.
- Initiating a sexual relationship with a former student and invading teacher-student boundaries while she was still an Evergreen student.
- Violating directives to avoid contact with any witnesses and not to discuss the investigation with others.
- Lying during the investigation.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have or to provide you with any additional information should you wish to pursue this matter further.

Sincerely,

John Deeder
Superintendent
Enclosures

C: Eric Smethrud (Teacher)
Lisa Lewison