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The University of the State of New York

Education  Department

In the matter of the certificate held
by JAMES D. MIDDAGH
to teach in the public schools of the
State of New York

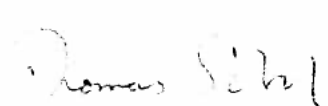
NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL QUESTION AS TO MORAL CHARACTER

JAMES D. MIDDAGH presently holds permanent New York State certification as a teacher of social studies grades 7-12 with an effective date of September 1, 1978 and bearing number [REDACTED]. Information has been received by the New York State Education Department that while employed as a teacher with the Phoenix Central School District, the said James D. Middaugh provided two 8th grade students with cigarettes and alcohol and had sexual contact with said students which included sexual intercourse and oral sex.

Pursuant to Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR 83), the above information concerning James D. Middaugh was presented by the Professional Conduct Officer of the Department to the Teacher Education, Certification and Practice Board. Based upon that information, the Board determined that a substantial question exists as to James D. Middaugh's moral character.

Therefore, in accordance with Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education this Notice, together with a copy of Part 83, shall be mailed to James D. Middaugh by certified mail, return receipt requested, and he may request, in writing, to the Professional Conduct Officer, % T.M.C.U., Room 3025, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12230, within thirty days after receipt, that a hearing be held to determine whether his teaching certificate should be revoked. Failure of James D. Middaugh to request a hearing in this matter within thirty days after receipt shall result in the revocation of his teaching certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Thomas Sobol,
Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for
and on behalf of the State Education Department, do
hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Education
Department this 17th day of November, 1993.


Commissioner of Education



The University of the State of New York
Education Department

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JAMES D. MIDDAUGH
to teach in the public schools of New York State

REVOCATION OF
TEACHING CERTIFICATE

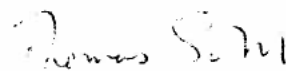
JAMES D. MIDDAUGH presently holds permanent New York State certification as a teacher of social studies grades 7-12 with an effective date of September 1, 1978 and bearing number [REDACTED].

Pursuant to Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR 83), information concerning James D. Middaugh was presented to the Teacher Education, Certification and Practice Board. Based upon that information, the Board determined that a substantial question exists as to James D. Middaugh's moral character.

Therefore, in accordance with Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, a Notice dated November 17, 1993, together with a copy of Part 83, was mailed to James D. Middaugh by certified mail, return receipt requested. No request for a hearing has been received concerning the revocation of James D. Middaugh's teaching certificate.

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to the authority of the Commissioner of Education under section 305 of the Education Law and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner, the teaching certificate held by James D. Middaugh is hereby revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Thomas Sobol, Commissioner of Education of the State Education Department, do hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department, at the City of Albany this 11th day of January 1994.



Commissioner of Education



The University of the State of New York
Education Department



In the matter of the teaching certificate(s)
held by and/or the application(s) for
teaching certificate(s) by

ORIGINAL

SURRENDER AGREEMENT

GERARD FRARE

WHEREAS, GERARD FRARE ("Certificate Holder") presently holds a permanent New York State certificate, issued by the New York State Education Department (herein "Education Department") as a teacher of English 7-12, effective September 1, 1977 and bearing the control number [REDACTED] and

WHEREAS, Certificate Holder wishes to surrender the above-described certificate to the Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the parties have held discussions and have had all the terms and conditions of this Surrender Agreement thoroughly explained and now freely consent to enter into this Surrender Agreement, such consent not having been induced by fraud, duress, or any other influence; and

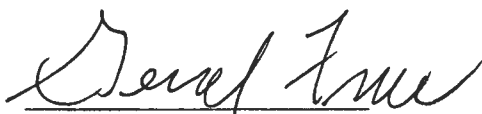
WHEREAS, no other person not a party to this proceeding has an interest in its outcome; and

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND STIPULATED by and between said parties that this matter shall be fully resolved as follows:

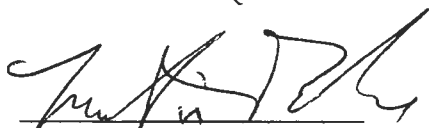
- 1) Certificate Holder hereby surrenders the above-described certificate to teach in the State of New York; and
- 2) Certificate Holder permanently waives his right to apply for any teaching, coaching, administrative or other school related certification at any future date; and
- 3) Certificate Holder shall forward the original certificate to the Education Department within seven (7) business days of the signing of this Surrender Agreement to: the New York State Education Department, Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability, 89 Washington Ave., 981 EBA, Albany, New York 12234. *If Certificate Holder is unable to locate the original certificate, then Certificate Holder shall furnish a signed statement to the Education Department indicating such, within seven (7) business days of the signing of this Surrender Agreement; and*

- 4) Certificate Holder understands that the Education Department will notify all New York State school districts as well as all licensing and/or credentialing agencies and jurisdictions who participate in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Educator Identification Clearinghouse and advise them as to the status of such certificate; and
- 5) Upon a request from any New York State or out-of-state school district, licensing and or credentialing agencies and jurisdictions who participate in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Educator Identification Clearinghouse, regarding any certificate or future application for any teaching, administrative or other school related certification/employment in any jurisdiction whatsoever, Certificate Holder consents to the release of any information by the Education Department to any New York State or out-of-state school district as well as any licensing and/or credentialing agencies and jurisdictions who participate in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Educator Identification Clearinghouse; and
- 6) The parties agree that they have entered into this Surrender Agreement freely, knowingly and openly, without coercion or duress and that Certificate Holder has voluntarily waived all statutory or constitutional rights that he may have held in this matter for a hearing in accordance with 8 NYCRR Part 83; and
- 7) Certificate Holder affirms that he has had access to counsel in reaching this Surrender Agreement and has entered into such with advice and consent; and
- 8) Nothing in this Surrender Agreement shall be deemed to be a practice or policy of the Education Department; and
- 9) This written Surrender Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding said allegations and charges shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto or to vary any of the terms contained therein.

AGREED:


Gerard Frare, Certificate Holder

2/27/25
Date


Martin G. Burke, Senior Attorney
New York State Education Department
Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability
89 Washington Avenue, Room 981 EBA
Albany, New York 12234
518-474-2803

3/10/2025
Date

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

The University of the State of New York

Education  Department

In the matter of the certificate held
by RONALD L. SMITH
to teach in the public schools of the
State of New York

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL QUESTION AS TO MORAL CHARACTER

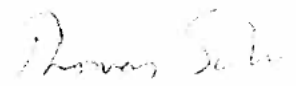
RONALD L. SMITH presently holds permanent New York State certification as a teacher of music with an effective date of September 1, 1978 and bearing number [REDACTED]. Information has been received by the New York State Education Department that during the 1976-77 school year, while employed by the Phoenix Central School District, he engaged in a sexual relationship with a tenth grade student, which included several instances of sexual intercourse and oral sex which occurred on school grounds. Some two years later similar allegations were made by several additional complainants which resulted in Ronald L. Smith's resignation from the district effective April 23, 1979.

Pursuant to Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR 83), the above information concerning Ronald L. Smith was presented by the Professional Conduct Officer of the Department to the Teacher Education, Certification and Practice Board. Based upon that information, the Board determined that a substantial question exists as to Ronald L. Smith's moral character.

Therefore, in accordance with Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education this Notice, together with a copy of Part 83, shall be mailed to Ronald L. Smith by certified mail, return receipt requested, and he may request, in writing, to the Professional Conduct Officer, % T.M.C.U., Room 3025, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12230, within thirty days after receipt, that a hearing be held to determine whether his teaching certificate should be revoked. Failure of Ronald L. Smith to request a hearing in this matter within thirty days after receipt shall result in the revocation of his teaching certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Thomas Sobol,
Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for
and on behalf of the State Education Department, do
hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Education
Department this 17th day of November, 1993.




Commissioner of Education

The University of the State of New York
Education Department

In the matter of the certificate held by
RONALD L. SMITH
to teach in the public schools of New York State

REVOCATION OF
TEACHING CERTIFICATE

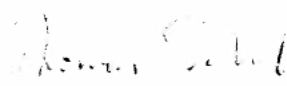
RONALD L. SMITH presently holds permanent New York State certification as a teacher of music with an effective date of September 1, 1978 and bearing number [REDACTED].

Pursuant to Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR 83), information concerning Ronald L. Smith was presented to the Teacher Education, Certification and Practice Board. Based upon that information, the Board determined that a substantial question exists as to Ronald L. Smith's moral character.

Therefore, in accordance with Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, a Notice dated November 17, 1993, together with a copy of Part 83, was mailed to Ronald L. Smith by certified mail, return receipt requested. No request for a hearing has been received concerning the revocation of Ronald L. Smith's teaching certificate.

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to the authority of the Commissioner of Education under section 305 of the Education Law and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner, the teaching certificate held by Ronald L. Smith is hereby revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Thomas Sobol, Commissioner of Education of the State Education Department, do hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department, at the City of Albany this 11th day of January 1994.


Commissioner of Education



Search Certificate Holder

First Name

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Search

Search Results

Select	First Name	MI	Last Name	City	State	Registration Status
☒	JAMES	D	MIDDAUGH	ALBANY	NY	N/A

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Search Results

Certificate Title	Issue / Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
Social Studies 7-12 Permanent Certificate	09/01/1978		Revoked
Social Studies 7-12 Provisional Certificate	02/01/1973	01/31/1978	Revoked

Search Certificate Holder

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☒	GERARD	M	FRARE			N/A

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Certificate Title	Issue / Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
English 7-12 Provisional Certificate	02/01/1973	01/31/1978	Expired
English 7-12 Permanent Certificate	09/01/1977		Surrendered

Search Certificate Holder

First Name

ronald lee

M.I.

Last Name

smith

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Search Results

Select	First Name	MI	Last Name	City	State	Registration Status
☒	RONALD LEE		SMITH	ALBANY	NY	N/A

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Certificate Title	Issue / Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
Secondary School Principal Provisional Certificate	09/01/1969	08/31/1974	Revoked
Music Permanent Certificate	09/01/1978		Revoked
Music Provisional Certificate	09/01/1963	08/31/1968	Revoked