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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR KING COUNTY**

A.G., D.F., J.J.,	NO. 08-2-02340-1 SEA
Plaintiffs,	DECLARATION OF JAMES JUNGERS
vs.	
CORPORATION OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF SEATTLE, a sole corporation, et al.,	
Defendants.	

I, James Jungers, declare and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, I am competent to testify to the facts of this case, and I make the following declaration based upon my own personal knowledge.
2. I served as the Superintendent of the Othello School District in Othello, Washington, from the 1980-81 school year thru the 1987-88 school year. During that time I was actively involved with formulating and supervising the policies and procedures followed by the schools in our district, including Scootney Springs Elementary School and McFarland Junior High School. Edward Courtney eventually taught at both of those schools.
3. I was involved with hiring Edward Courtney to teach at Scootney Springs. I remember when Courtney first applied to teach in the Othello School District. We took a hard look at him because he was a Christian Brother who taught at O'Dea High School and we had previously hired another Christian Brother, Pete Patitucci, who had also taught at O'Dea High School and with whom we had good results. I recall that we were impressed with his history of teaching assignments and letters of recommendation. Our policy at the time was to verify prior teaching assignments and to call some references.
4. The policies and procedures of our school district at the time that Edward Courtney was hired to teach at Scootney Springs required that he have a valid Washington teaching certificate. We would not have hired Courtney to teach in our school district, and we would not have allowed him to keep teaching in our school district, unless he had a valid Washington teaching certificate. No exceptions were made to the requirement that a teacher have a valid Washington teaching certificate. We also would not have hired Courtney to teach in our school district if we had known that he had a history of sexually abusing children, which we did not know when we

hired him.

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5. At the time that Courtney was hired to teach at Scootney Springs, my secretary in the Superintendent's office was Peggy Thompson. She was one of the individuals responsible for sending a teacher's teaching certificate to our local ESD office for registration.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed this 5th day of October 2009, in Spokane, Washington.

By:


James Jungers