DATE: MARCH 21, 2014
TO: Vicki Phillips
FROM: Angela Wartowski
SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. MENDEZ, IEIN # [REDACTED]
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE PEL ID #2073336

The State Superintendent of Education has revoked the PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE PEL ID #2073336 of JOSEPH M. MENDEZ pursuant to Section 218-45 of the School Code. A copy of the Superintendent’s Order is attached. Please inform the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board of this action. For the purpose of reporting to NASDTEC, this action is based upon sexual misconduct that did not result in a criminal conviction.

Attachment: Order

cc: Jeff Aranowski
    Nicki Bazer
    Eric Grodsky
    Bonnie Schnirring
    Kellee Sullivan
    Jason Helfer
    Jessica Riddick
March 21, 2014

Mr. Joseph Mendez
16003 Ridgewood Dr.
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Re: Revocation of Professional Educator License
PEL ID # 2073336

Dear Mr. Mendez:

The State Superintendent of Education has revoked your Professional Educator License PEL ID # 2073336 pursuant to Section 21B-45 of the School Code. A copy of the Superintendent’s Order is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Wartowski
Investigator/Legal Department

cc: Vicki Phillips (via email)
Regional Superintendents, North Suburban Cook, West Suburban Cook, South Suburban Cook, DuPage, and Will Counties (via email)

Enclosure: Order
IN THE MATTER OF THE
REVOCATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATOR LICENSE OF
JOSEPH M. MENDEZ
PEL ID # 2073336

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

WHEREAS Section 21B-45 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-45) provides that any license may be voluntarily surrendered by the licensee:

WHEREAS Section 21B-45 further provides that a voluntarily surrendered license must be treated as a revoked license:

WHEREAS 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 requires that all other states and possessions of the United States must be notified when a license is revoked in Illinois:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned JOSEPH M. MENDEZ hereby knowingly, willfully and voluntarily surrenders his Professional Educator License PEL ID # 2073336 and consents to its revocation subject to the notice provisions of 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 set forth above.

[Signature]
JOSEPH M. MENDEZ
Licensee

Signed and sworn before me
this 7th day of March, 2014.

[Signature]
Notary Public

LINDA J. FRIEDRICKSON
Lake County
My Commission Expires
June 28, 2015
IN THE MATTER OF THE
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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
LICENSE OF JOSEPH M. MENDEZ
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
LICENSE PEL ID # 2073336

ORDER

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WHEREAS JOSEPH M. MENDEZ has knowingly, willfully, and voluntarily surrendered his license named above and consented to its revocation as evidenced by the attached document:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT the professional educator license of JOSEPH M. MENDEZ is hereby revoked.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield,
Illinois, this 18th
day of March, 2014.
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, on March 21, 2014, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

Joseph M. Mendez
16003 Ridgewood Dr.
Homer Glen, IL 60491

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents by electronic mail, on March 21, 2014, on the following at the address shown:

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Investigator