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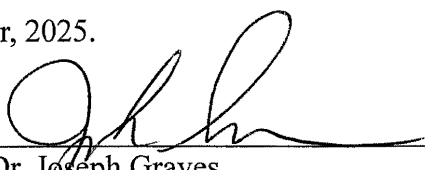
In re: Certification Application of	)	DSE 2025-14
JUSTIN PREUSCHL	)	ORDER DENYING
	)	EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary by SDCL § 13-42-4, 13-42-9, and ARSD article 24:18, and after review of the record herein, the Secretary issues the following Order:

1. The Secretary accepts the allegations of the Notice of Intent to Deny Educator Certificate as true and enters the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
2. The application of Justin Preuschl for an educator certificate is DENIED.
3. Justin Preuschl is permanently prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota.
4. The Order and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are a public record pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-17.1 and ARSD 24:18:04:05.
5. Notification of this denial is to be placed on the NASDTEC registry and be placed in applicant's permanent certification file within the South Dakota Department of Education.

This constitutes final agency action and may be appealed to circuit court pursuant to ARSD 24:18:02:06.

Dated this the 16th of December, 2025.



Dr. Joseph Graves
Secretary
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) FINDINGS OF FACT AND
) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Justin Preuschl filed an application for an Initial Alternative Application which was activated on January 21, 2024. After a review of the entire file, the Secretary enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

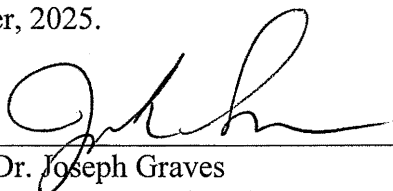
1. On or about November 3, 2025, the South Dakota Department of Education Office of Educator Certification (hereinafter “Department”) served a Notice of Intent to Deny Educator Certificate on Justin Preuschl (hereinafter “Preuschl”) via certified mail, first-class mail, and email.
2. The Notice of Intent informed Preuschl that if he failed to request a hearing within 30 days after service of the notice, the allegations of the Notice would be accepted as true by the Secretary.
3. The Department received no request for hearing from Preuschl within the 30-day period.
4. Preuschl made no disclosures on the Conduct Review portion of his application.
5. Preuschl was indicted in June of 2024 for offenses involving child pornography.
6. On or about October 14, 2025, Preuschl was sentenced to seven (7) years on eight (8) counts of child pornography or related offenses.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Grounds for the denial or non-renewal of an educator certificate are provided in SDCL § 13-42.
8. The Secretary of the Department of Education has the power and authority to refuse to issue or renew a certificate. SDCL § 13-42-9.

9. Preuschl's criminal convictions and disregard of the law constitute acts of moral turpitude to support the Department's intent to deny in violation of SDCL § 13-42-9.
10. Any Conclusion of Law more properly designated as a Finding of Fact is hereby so designated.
11. Preuschl's application should be denied pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-9.
12. Preuschl should be permanently prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota.

Dated this the 16th of December, 2025.



Dr. Joseph Graves
Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education