

**SCHOOL DISTRICT, DD BOARD & COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
EDUCATOR MISCONDUCT REPORTING FORM**

Ohio Revised Code 3319.313 and 5126.253 requires public and non-public schools, including county DD boards and community schools, to report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the name and a factual statement of any license holder who engages in professional misconduct.

**A. Please select the type of education entity you are:**

- ☒ School District  
☐ Educational Service Center  
☐ Community School  
☐ DD Board  
☐ Other

School District Name

Solon City School District

Address

33800 Inwood Dr.  
Solon, OH 44139

Contact Person (Name and Title)

Joseph Regano

Telephone Number

440-349-6204

Fax Number

Email Address

joeregano@solonboe.org

**B. Educator's Information**

Name

Edward Kline

State ID

Date of Birth

Most Recent Position

Director of Bands

Current Employment Status

Resigned

Educator's Home Telephone Number

Educator's Home Address

\* Ohio Revised Code 3319.313 requires that the social security number of the employee be provided. If the Office of Professional Conduct requires an employee's social security number, you will be contacted to provide it. Should you submit a PDF of this form via email, due to security concerns, please do not include the employee's social security number in either the form or the email.

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**C. Why are you reporting this educator? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ The employee has plead guilty to, has been found guilty of, or has been convicted of an offense in Ohio Revised Code 3319.31 or 3319.39, and/or
- ☐ The employee has been terminated or non-renewed or you have initiated termination or non-renewal proceedings because the educator has engaged in "conduct unbecoming" the profession or has committed an offense under Ohio Revised Code 3319.31 or 3319.39, and/or
- ☒ The employee has resigned under threat of termination or non-renewal, and or
- ☒ The employee resigned because of, or in the course of, an investigation regarding an act unbecoming the teaching profession or an offense described in Ohio Revised Code 3319.31 or 3319.39, and or
- ☒ The employee has engaged or may have engaged in conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession.

**D. Please provide information concerning the incident involving the educator** (i.e., the type, date, and place of the conviction or conduct that may be deemed "conduct unbecoming"; describe what prompted disciplinary action by you; describe what you were investigating that lead to resignation or non-renewal, etc.)

Please feel free to attach any information that you consider important (i.e., court records, investigation reports, complaints, witness statements, etc.).

Please see attached.

Thank you providing this information. Upon receipt, the Office of Professional Conduct will review the information submitted and determine if further information is needed. If it is determined that further information is needed, the Office of Professional Conduct will contact the person that submitted this form.

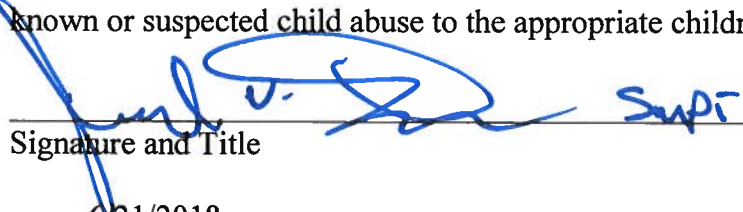
Please be advised that under Ohio Revised Code 3319.314, you are required to maintain all information related to this report in the employee's personnel file. If the State Board of Education does not pursue disciplinary action against the reported employee, you are required to move all information related to this report from the employee's personnel file to a separate, public file. The Office of Professional Conduct will notify the contact person on this form if no discipline is warranted.

Please fax (614-995-3752) or mail all documentation to:

Ohio Department of Education  
Office of Professional Conduct  
25 South Front Street, Mail Stop 104  
Columbus, OH 43215  
website: [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov)

If you need assistance in completing this form, please contact the Office of Professional Conduct at (614) 466-5638.

Completion and submission of this form does not relieve school employees of their statutory duty to report known or suspected child abuse to the appropriate children services or law enforcement agency.

  
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Signature and Title

6/21/2018  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the attached documents are true and accurate copies of the

personnel/disciplinary/investigation records of Edward Kline

as kept in the ordinary court of business of the Solon City School District.

  
Name

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of  
JUNE, 2018.

  
Notary Public

KIRK B. MILLER  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
RECORDED IN SUMMIT COUNTY  
MY COMM. EXPIRES 08-16-2019

My commission expires 8-16-2019.

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### **Information for ODE Report**

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Solon City School District investigated allegations of inappropriate conduct concerning Ed Kline, Solon High School Teacher. In late-December of 2017, a former student ("Former Student A") anonymously contacted the District and provided information concerning the romantic/sexual relationship that she and Mr. Kline began a couple of years after Former Student A graduated from Solon High School. The District began investigating the allegations, and conducted further investigation once Former Student A revealed her identity in late January of 2018. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that Mr. Kline engaged in inappropriate relations on school grounds and during school hours. In particular, Mr. Kline invited the individual to meet him for lunch on school grounds in September, 2016, during school hours. Mr. Kline instructed Former Student A to come to a door near the band room and send him a message through Facebook Messenger once she arrived on school grounds so he could let her in. Once Former Student A entered the building, she went to the band room and Mr. Kline's office, and he requested that she perform oral sex on him. Former Student A performed oral sex on Mr. Kline, and then left the building shortly afterwards. The District received copies of the Facebook Messenger messages exchanged between Mr. Kline and Former Student A from December, 2017, through January, 2018, where Mr. Kline discussed the oral sex incident, the fact that it was one of his favorite things (that he had done with her), and he was scared about getting caught.

As the District was concluding its investigation into Former Student A's allegations, a second former student ("Former Student B") anonymously contacted the District in March of 2018, and provided information concerning the fact that Mr. Kline engaged in inappropriate behavior, including unwanted physical contact, while she was enrolled as a student in the District. Upon learning that Mr. Kline may have engaged in misconduct involving a former student while such student was enrolled in the District, Mr. Kline was placed on administrative leave effective March 13, 2018, while the investigation was occurring. The District conducted further investigation once Former Student B revealed her identity in April of 2018. In particular, the investigation revealed that Mr. Kline pulled Former Student B out of class and wrote passes for her to come down to the Band room/office under the pretenses of making copies of music for him. Additionally, Mr. Kline repeatedly requested Former Student B to perform various tasks while she was wearing a dress, including making copies, hanging up trophies and plaques, putting instruments on a high shelf, and change information on the bulletin board. In fact, during the investigation, it was revealed that it was a common joke amongst students that Mr. Kline would target Former Student B and other female students when they wore dresses and ask them to do various tasks.

Former Student B also provided information concerning the fact that Mr. Kline touched/brushed/rubbed against her while she was enrolled in school. For example, when Former Student B was playing in the musical pit, he would walk behind her to get to his chair (instead of taking the path everyone else took), and when she stood up, he would brush his body/grind very close to her backside. Former Student B provided further information concerning the fact that Mr. Kline also touched/brushed/rubbed against Former Student B when he wheeled his chair in and sat right behind her to fix an instrument, asked her to change information on the bulletin board, and when he took a picture with her during a band dinner. Former Student B left an anonymous message on the Safe School Helpline over two years ago concerning these allegations.

Furthermore, during the course of its investigation, the District found inappropriate images on Mr. Kline's District-issued computer. In particular, Mr. Kline had a picture of his private parts and a video of a woman masturbating on his District-issued computer.

After the District concluded its investigation, the Superintendent advised Mr. Kline that he intended to recommend the termination of Mr. Kline's employment contract to the Board of Education. On June 12, 2018, Mr. Kline tendered his resignation.

Any additional information relating to the incidents will be supplied upon request.