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**Christina Casillas, Ed.D**  
 Principal

TO: Stephanie Kennedy  
 FROM: Christina Casillas  
 DATE: May 2, 2019  
 SUBJECT: Bruno Schonian Investigation

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On Wednesday, May 1st, student **Redacted** reported an inappropriate interaction with a Roosevelt teacher Bruno Schonian. **Redacted** reported this to her 5th period teacher, **Redacted** **Redacted** immediately contacted Vice Principal Karina Reyes. **Redacted** and her friend **Redacted** reported the situation to Ms. Reyes and submit a written statement.

According to **Redacted** Mr. Bruno Schonian stopped to talk with her after school on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. In the beginning of the conversation he talked about grades and promotion. Then, according to **Redacted** "we had a paused silence and then he brought up going out."

*Mr. Schonian:* Do you still live by me:  
**Redacted** **Redacted**

*Mr. Schonian:* That's good. We should go out sometime for Mexican food or the mall would you like that?

**Redacted** Yeah that sounds good

*Mr. Schonian:* I can't wait until you're 18

**Redacted** Yeah I know

*Mr. Schonian:* 4 years is a long time. And you can do whatever you want. Are you allowed to go out alone or do you always need someone there like an adult?

**Redacted** No I'm allowed to out alone I go out with my friends.

*Mr. Schonian:* That's good. Where would you want to meet up?

**Redacted** I'm not sure.

*Mr. Schonian:* Um do you know this place? (Forgot the name).

**Redacted** No, I don't know that place.

*Mr. Schonian:* How about Plaza Bonita?

**Redacted** Omg yeah I know that place.

*Mr. Schonian:* That's good, I live by there.

**Redacted** You live by there that's so cool

*Mr. Schonian:* We should meet up there. We can stay at the all and walk aorund or go somewhere else.

**Redacted** Yeah that sounds good.

*Mr. Schonian:* How good is your memory?

**Redacted** You know pretty decent.



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*Mr. Schonian:* Pretty decent huh? You have payphones near where you live?

*Redacted:* Yeah I'm pretty sure I do.

*Mr. Schonian:* Memorize my number or write it down *Redacted*

*Redacted:* *Redacted* ?

*Mr. Schonian:* No *Redacted*

*Redacted:* Ah okay

*Mr. Schonian:* Write it down in your journal

*Redacted:* Nah I remember

*Mr. Schonian:* Ah okay. Call me on a payphone because I don't want mobile evidence

*Redacted:* Okay

*Mr. Schonian:* Yeah it would be a shame if you'd tell someone then I would get fired and jail time and I have two kids and I don't want that to happen.

*Redacted:* Yeah I understand.

*Mr. Schonian:* You can leave a note or let me know by word my car is that blue one

*Redacted:* Okay for sure

*Mr. Schonian:* Well it was nice catching up with you

*Redacted:* Honestly

*Mr. Schonian:* Yeah, I don't know why but I feel more relaxed when I'm around you.

*Redacted:* Haha really?

*Mr. Schonian:* Yeah, well I have to go it was seeing you

*Redacted:* You too

*Mr. Schonian:* You should come visit my class more. I rarely ever get the chance to speak to you

*Redacted:* Haha okay pues I'll try

*Mr. Schonian:* Okay bye mija

*Redacted:* Bye Mr. Schonian.

The evening of Tuesday, April 30th, *Redacted* texted her friend *Redacted* :

*Redacted:* "So after school my bus lagged. And Mr. Schonian came up to me with small talk. This stays between us bc he can get fired. And he wants to hang out meet at the mall and just walk and talk."

*Redacted:* "Oooo"

*Redacted:* "And outside I was like (Emoji) omg yeah but inside I was like (Emoji) Im going to get raped. Y que he said he feels very relaxed around me. Y que it just has to be us and no one else. And that he said you can get dropped off at Plaza Bonita and we can go where ever."

*Redacted:* Scary



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**Redacted** "He even asked me if I'm allowed to go out alone. And he asked me where I lived by. And then as he was leaving I said might call my dad to pick me up and he said you sure como que he offered me a ride."

**Redacted** "Hell nah"

**Redacted** (Image) "Omg imagine. How awkward."

**Redacted** "Noooo. Why he get fired."

**Redacted** "That he would get fired. Teachers can't hang out with students." It's illegal especially since I'm a minor. Also he can get jail time.

**Redacted** "oooo."

**Redacted** "And he was like 4 years is a long time. Bc when you're 18 you can do whatever the fuck you want. Pero he was like I think it's time and I was like for what?"

**Redacted** "For what?"

**Redacted** "I don't know what he didn't answer. He said call me on a paid phone. Or else they'll have mobile evidence. If not let me know through word or leave a note. I was like ahhh shit."

**Redacted** "Hell nah. You should've said no."

**Redacted** "I didn't say anything. We're not gonna go out. And I don't plan on going out."

**Redacted** "That's creepy."

**Redacted** "Very. He even told me his schedule. And I;; was like I'll see. So I didn't give him an answer."

**Redacted** "Noooo"

After school on May 1st the following parties were informed about the allegations:

- HRO Stephanie Kennedy (and Mary Wager)
- School Police Sgt Al Contreras and Officer David Landman
- CPS
- **Redacted** parents were contacted (Karina Reyes called mom)
- Title IX office, Lynn Ryan

On Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 **Redacted** and Counselor **Redacted** interviewed **Redacted**. She requested that her friend, **Redacted** was present. **Redacted** repeated the same statement she reported on May 1st. Additional information was shared by **Redacted**

"This day the C bus was late and **Redacted** mom was also late and were hanging out by the trees close to the bungalows and gate. And I see Mr. Schonian pulling out the gate and he gets off close to the gate and we have small talk again like grades and teachers. And as he was outside we had small talk ad joked around and talked about boys. **Redacted** and I but he took it to a more serious matter saying wait for the right one and then bringing up his ex



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wife up for example and they got divorced. He then started getting into his car and showed me the interior and he said he had to go pick up his daughter or son.”

“Just last week in the morning I was hanging out with a group of guys my friends and he waved but it was nothing serious.”

“The time where we spoke to him about **Redacted** dating **Redacted** but she was like ‘nahh **Redacted** is’ but then he was like ‘you’re too pretty to be talking to ugly boys’ I told him that I had to leave to go catch the bus we ended up hugging and he gave **Redacted** a fist bump or high five then he was like look how sweet she is and she dropped me off.”

“The one where it was the community project it was a bit of a blur but it was the end of the day and me and **Redacted** were walking and we were by the gate by the bungalows and from what I remember that day he had ask me where I lived but I don’t remember what else.”

**Redacted** wrote a statement:

“Not much long ago I was stopped by Mr. Schonian. I didn’t think much of it but then he asked about **Redacted** I thought it was weird because 2 weeks before the community project was due he gave **Redacted** dating advice. It was after **Redacted** and I made a joke. I thought it was weird because I didn’t have hi as a teacher so I didn’t know his humor. Before the community project I was with **Redacted** afterschool he was driving out of school next to Mr. Barkell’s class already leaving he got down to close the gate behind him. **Redacted** and I were standing next to Mr. Barkell’s class by the trees so we were right next to him by the window. **Redacted** was waiting for the bus and I was waiting for my mom and again he talk about dating advice he went inside of this car and **Redacted** said new car then Mr. Schonian show here a little of his car and then started to talk about his ex-wife. After that he said he had to go pick up his kid and drove off. So the last time I talk to him I was alone and when asked about **Redacted** I wasn’t trying to be rude but I had a gut feeling so I was respectful”

During the interview, **Redacted** shared that **Redacted** told her that in 7th grade Mr. Schonian offered to give her a ride.

I reminded **Redacted** to keep the investigation confidential and to report to me any other issues. I told **Redacted** to stay away from Mr. Schonian. We developed a route for her to leave campus to avoid any interaction with Mr. Schonian. Once she leaves the 300 building and exit by the 100 building gate and walk down the sidewalk to the busses.

**Redacted** was interviewed on May 2, 2019.

**Redacted** stated the following in a written statement:



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“The first incident happened after school when I was patiently learning against the big caged fence hear the school buses. I was waiting for my mom to come and pick me up from school and I was texting her on my phone. Mr. Schonian’s car came up beside me, and he looked at me with his window down and said “he do you need a ride home?” and I replied with “NoNo, I’m fine, my mom will be here in a few minutes.” and then he drove off. The second incident happened the same year where my friend Redacted and I spotted Mr. Schonian in the Danshaw room waiting for all the other math teachers to come back for lunch. Redacted and I figured we would just say hi to him since we had him both for 6th grade. As the three of us were having a conversation, he mentioned wanting to see the both of us again in 10 years to then just catch up. In my mind, I thought the comment was pretty weird to mention.”

At 9:50 am, Mr. Schonian was interviewed by Principal Casillas. SDEA AR, Dr. Herndon was present.

“Thank you for meeting with me today. We’re here to get information about allegations made by a student claiming that you have had inappropriate interactions with her making her feel uncomfortable.

You have the right to representation at this meeting and you have chosen to take advantage of that by having Dr. Herndon here.

I am here as a neutral investigator, looking to determine the facts around the allegations you have made. At this point in time, I have not made any determinations. I have a series of questions for you that will enable us to gain a better understanding of the situation. You are directed to answer the questions honestly and accurately.

I consider this a confidential investigation and ask that you respect the confidentiality of this work. You may be subject to disciplinary action should you disclose any facts or circumstances of this investigation such that interfere with our ability to fairly and effectively complete the investigation. This direction does not prohibit you from sharing information with your union representative or legal counsel.

When I am done asking the questions I have prepared, you will have the opportunity to share additional information that you believe is relevant to this matter and you will also have the opportunity to ask me questions

I want to remind you of the prohibition against retaliating against anyone who is a participant in this investigation. Any subsequent retaliation against students, coworkers or other District staff is strictly prohibited and will warrant disciplinary action.



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Do you understand and are you ready to begin?"

Interview Questions

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you know student <b>Redacted</b></li> <li>2. How do you know student?</li> <li>3. When was the last time you interacted with the student?</li> <li>4. What was the nature of the conversation?</li> <li>5. On April 30, 2019 did you speak with the student?</li> <li>6. Where did you speak with her?</li> <li>7. Did you ask her where she lived or if she lived by you?</li> <li>8. She said that you invited her to hang out at the mall and eat Mexican food. Why would she say that?</li> <li>9. Did you offer to meet at the mall and walk around?</li> <li>10. She has your phone number. Why would she have your phone number?</li> <li>11. Did you ask her about her memory?</li> <li>12. Did you tell her to use a pay phone to contact you?</li> <li>13. Did you suggest that she use other forms of communication to contact you?</li> <li>14. Did you tell her to leave a note on your car?</li> <li>15. Why did you tell her that you do not want any mobile evidence?</li> </ol>	<p>Mr. Schonian's answers:                  Yes, she is a student. I think 2 years ago. Probably 2 years ago.                  ----                  I saw her Monday or Tuesday after School.                  We were talking about grades and if she was going to promote. <b>Redacted</b>                  Yes, if that was the date.                  By the gate by the bungalows on the North side of the 800s facing Upas St    <b>Redacted</b>                  It was intended for her family. I was talking about celebrating with her family and I said, "Let's go to the ma.." When I asked her if she was going to do something, that she should celebrate. (To the mall?) Yes                  No I did not offer.                  She shouldn't have it. It's inappropriate. I don't know why she should have it.                  I don't recall.                  No                  No                  No                  No don't recall</p>
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<p>16. Did you tell her that it needs to stay between both of you because you could get fired and you have 2 kids to support?</p> <p>17. She knows your car is blue, how does she know that?</p> <p>18. Did you tell her that you could not wait until she was 18 years old?</p> <p>19. Why would you say that? Why would she think that?</p> <p>20. Did you ask her if her dad said she can go out alone</p> <p>21. Did you tell her that you felt so relaxed around her when you are with you that you could be yourself? Did you sigh.</p> <p>22. Did you invite her to visit your class more?</p> <p>23. Was there anyone who saw you speaking with the student?</p> <p>24. Have you told anyone else this happen?</p> <p>25. Anything else?</p>	<p>Not clear on that</p> <p>Most kids know where I park. (He paused and he asked if he could write things down so he can remember). One of the things I told her is that student and teachers can't hang out at parties and going out. It is not acceptable. We were talking about promotion. She wanted me to go to promotion. And I said not because I'm 6th grade teacher. If anything about that (students and teachers)</p> <p>Not sure.</p> <p>Pause. Yea, that's when she said she missed me. I was her favorite teacher. I miss all my kids. I might have told her I miss you guys. I compliment her. She is a nice student and comfortable to be around.</p> <p>Throughout the year, yes, If she needed help, she can come to me for math tutoring.</p> <p>There were students next to us on the phone. I don't know .  <span style="color: red;">Redacted</span> .</p> <p>I remember something about the bus. She said it was cold and was going to the office to wait for the bus.</p>
<p>Two months ago</p> <p>1. Did you ask <span style="color: red;">Redacted</span> where she lived?</p> <p>2. Why did you ask her that? Why would she say that you said that?</p>	<p>I don't know.              If I think about it. I will let you know.</p>



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<p>Before spring break</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you recall a conversation with <b>Redacted</b> and <b>Redacted</b> by the kickstage?</li> <li>2. Do you recall <b>Redacted</b> saying that <b>Redacted</b> was dating a student and <b>Redacted</b> said, "No, she was?"</li> <li>3. What was your response?</li> <li>4. Do you recall saying "You are too pretty to date ugly dudes?"</li> <li>5. Did you have physical contact with <b>Redacted</b> or <b>Redacted</b> Hug? High Five?</li> <li>6. <b>Redacted</b> said you hugged her (witness). Is that true?</li> <li>7. Did you say "Look how sweet she is?"</li> </ol>	<p>She was with a friend? No</p> <p>She was wearing glasses. I said it looks great.</p> <p>No I didn't say that. I said, I hope you could see better, about guys around her.</p> <p>Not at all. I did shake her hand. No Not at all. Not that I recall. It's possible a fist pump or high five. I don't hug students.</p> <p>PAUSE. I could have said that she is a sweet girl. She is very nice. She is always nice. She is gentle and very polite. (What do you mean by gentle?) She is not obnoxious or loud. <b>Redacted</b> <b>Redacted</b></p> <p>That's a nice student. What other students bring treats like that?</p>
<p>December/January</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you recall driving through the gates by the bungalows and talking to <b>Redacted</b></li> <li>2. What was the nature of the conversation?</li> <li>3. Did you tell her to "look at my car?"</li> <li>4. Did you show her the interior?</li> <li>5. Did the conversation include talking about boys?</li> <li>6. What did you say?</li> <li>7. She says that you told her dating advice and wait for the "right one."</li> <li>8. How does she know about your ex-wife, that you are separated and has two kids?</li> </ol>	<p>Not really. I might have said "hello?"</p> <p>Don't recall that                  Don't recall that                  Don't recall that</p> <p>Don't recall</p> <p>If I do I'll let you know. I don't know why she would say that.</p> <p>I could have? Maybe I said, where's your friend?                  I don't remember her name.</p>





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<p>9. Do you recall talking with <b>Redacted</b> and asking here “Where is <b>Redacted</b> was?”</p>	
<p>6th Grade</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How was <b>Redacted</b> as a student?</li> <li>2. Describe your relationship or interactions with her?</li> <li>3. She remembers that you told her that her hair was pretty. Why would you say that?</li> <li>4. Did you call her any names other than <b>Redacted</b>?</li> <li>5. Why would she say you called her “mamas?”</li> <li>6. What is “mamas”?</li> </ol>	<p>Thoughtful. Polite. Sweet</p> <p>I compliment boys and girls to help with thier self esteem. I tell boys that they look sharp. For example, <b>Redacted</b> <b>Redacted</b> I tell him it looks great.</p> <p>Maybe? It’s possible. I say moms” to other students- just girls.</p> <p>That’s part of the Latin American culture. Mamas.</p>
<p>Last Year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you know <b>Redacted</b> ?</li> <li>2. How do you know her?</li> <li>3. She said that one day after school you offered to give her a ride? Why?</li> <li>4. Do you offer other students rides home?</li> <li>5. Last year, when you were finished meeting with teachers, <b>Redacted</b> and other students were in the room. Did you offer to them “We should hang out in 10 years?”</li> <li>6. What does that mean?</li> </ol>	<p>Don’t recall.</p> <p>I can’t give any student a ride. No I can’t do that. Its not acceptable. I don’t know why she would bring that up.</p> <p>I’m sorry. Why would I say that?</p>

Orally review the facts that you have taken down to make sure they accurately reflect the employee’s understanding of the events.

Ask, “is there anything I missed?”

Ask, “Is there anything else you think I should know?”





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At 2:03 pm, Mr. Schonian called me back. I told him that I was following up with him regarding the investigation. After consulting with HR, he is placed on PAL until further notice. I reminded him that he is to have no interaction/conversation with any students on campus, including but not limited to Redacted Redacted or Redacted. He told me that he would develop sub plans and send to Adn Assistant Veronica Esparza, Ms. reyes and myself.

HRO Mary Wager mailed home a letter to Mr. Schonian.

Mr. Cortes provided me with a written statement: (TYPE HERE)

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#### April 24, 2015 Summary of Conference

- On April 15, 2015, Ms. Reyes spoke to Mr. Schonian about concerns from two female students who were uncomfortable in his class due to his actions and comments. The students reported that he asked if their mom was single, “grabbed their butt,” told girls they have “nice boobs;” and had a “sexual stare.” These students felt very uncomfortable and scared.
- Additionally on March 27, 2015, another female student claimed that Mr. Schonian told her she had nice boobs as he was talking about a shirt stain. Mr. Schonian denied this incident.

#### January 9, 2007 Summary of Conference

- Summary of Conference by VP Tracee Parsons “Personal information about your family and problems si shared with the students during class time. This information is also shared with parents when they call with concerns about the math class.

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**Violations:**



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Summary by Lynn Ryan, Title IX Compliance Officer November 2017 Keenan Safe Schools Training entitled "Boundary Invasion" (<https://abusekeenan.safeschools.com>)