

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE
ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS**

BETWEEN:

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

and

GIUSEPPE SIRIANNI

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS, pursuant to section 26, subsection (5) of the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* (the "*Act*"), Statutes of Ontario, 1996, chapter 12, has directed that the matter hereinafter described regarding the conduct or actions of Giuseppe Sirianni, Certificate No. 613980, be referred to the Discipline Committee of the Ontario College of Teachers.

IT IS ALLEGED that Giuseppe Sirianni is guilty of professional misconduct as defined in the *Act* in that:

- (a) he abused a student or students physically, contrary to Ontario Regulation 437/97, subsection 1(7.1);
- (b) he abused a student or students psychologically or emotionally, contrary to Ontario Regulation 437/97, subsection 1(7.2);
- (c) he abused a student or students sexually, contrary to Ontario Regulation 437/97, subsection 1(7.3) and/or engaged in sexual abuse of a student or students as defined in section 1 of the *Act*;

- (d) he committed acts that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional, contrary to Ontario Regulation 437/97, subsection 1(18);
- (e) he engaged in conduct unbecoming a member, contrary to Ontario Regulation 437/97, subsection 1(19).

PARTICULARS OF THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Giuseppe Sirianni (the “Member”) is a member of the Ontario College of Teachers.
2. At all material times, the Member was employed by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (the “Board”) as a teacher at [XXX] Catholic School (“School 1”) in Etobicoke, Ontario.
3. In or about the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years, Student 1 was a female student at School 1. In or about the 2018-2019 academic year, Student 1 was in the Member’s Grade [XXX] class. Student 1 graduated from School 1 in or about June [XXX].
4. In or about the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 academic years, Student 1 was a high school student at [XXX] Catholic Secondary School (“School 2”).
5. From in or about September 2022 to in or about December 2022, Student 1 was a Grade [XXX] co-op placement student at School 1 who was supervised by the Member. After her co-op placement, Student 1 volunteered at School 1 with the Member a few days each week.
6. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member engaged in an inappropriate personal relationship with Student 1, including but not limited to one or more of the following:

- (a) cultivating a relationship with Student 1's mother, including but not limited to exchanging Christmas gifts with Student 1's mother and/or receiving trays of food from Student 1's mother;
 - (b) communicating with Student 1 by cell phone and/or social media;
 - (c) walking Student 1 home; and
 - (d) driving Student 1 to School 1, School 2, her home, Tim Hortons and/or McDonald's in the Member's personal vehicle.
7. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member spent time alone with Student 1 after hours at School 1. On one or more of these occasions, the Member explicitly told other students to leave or not attend the premises where he was alone with Student 1.
8. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member engaged in physical contact of an inappropriate and/or sexual nature with Student 1, including but not limited to one or more of the following:
- (a) kissing, touching and/or holding Student 1's face;
 - (b) patting or tapping Student 1's head;
 - (c) touching Student 1's arm;
 - (d) putting his arm around Student 1;
 - (e) touching, patting and/or slapping Student 1's leg and/or knee;
 - (f) putting his head on Student 1's thigh;
 - (g) hugging Student 1 from the front, side, and/or back;

- (h) holding Student 1 by her buttocks while she wrapped her legs around his waist; and
 - (i) receiving oral sex from Student 1.
- 9. In or about the 2020-2021 academic year, Student 2 was a female student at School 1 and was in the Member's [XXX] class. In or about June [XXX], Student 2 graduated from School 1.
- 10. In or about the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic years, Student 2 was a female high school student at School 2.
- 11. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member engaged in an inappropriate personal relationship with Student 2, including but not limited to:
 - (a) discussing Student 2's father's illness with her and/or telling Student 2 about his family, including his wife's pregnancy;
 - (b) cultivating a relationship with Student 2's parents, including but not limited to communicating with Student 2's father on Instagram;
 - (c) commenting on Student 2's appearance, including but not limited to sending an Instagram message stating, "And you had big hair what's wrong with that!" or words to that effect;
 - (d) communicating with Student 2 via cell phone, including but not limited to calls that would last up to an hour;
 - (e) communicating with Student 2 via Instagram, including but not limited to messages in or about June 2022, in which he:

- (i) offered to sign off on community service hours knowing Student 2 had not completed them;
 - (ii) instructed Student 2 not to tell anyone about the arrangement; and/or
 - (iii) told Student 2, "I've helped a few, a few kids...that I like, I help, the other ones meh", or words to that effect; and/or
 - (f) calling Student 2 "sweetie," "sweetheart," "Fifi," "Ma," "buddy," "kiddo," "office boss," "kid" and/or "good girl".
12. In or about the 2021-2022 academic year, Student 3 was a female student in the Member's Grade [XXX] class at School 1. In or about the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 academic years, Student 3 was a high school student at School 2.
13. In or about the 2018-2019 academic year, Student 4 was a female student in the Member's Grade [XXX] class at School 1. In or about the [XXX] academic years, Student 4 was a female high school student at School 2.
14. In or about the 2021-2022 academic year, Student 5 was a male student at School 1. In or about the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic years, Student 5 was a high school student.
15. In or about the 2018-2019 academic year, Student 6 was a male student in the Member's Grade 7 class at School 1. In or about the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 academic years, Student 6 was a high school student at [XXX] Catholic Secondary School ("School 3"). In or about the 2022-2023 academic year, Student 6 was also a Grade [XXX] co-op placement student at School 1 supervised by the Member.

16. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, on one or more occasions, the Member permitted high school students from different schools to enter School 1 without signing in and to remain in School 1 after hours.
17. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member engaged in inappropriate communications with Student 3 and/or Student 6, including but not limited to communicating with Student 3 and/or Student 6 via cell phone, social media, and/or text message.
18. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member drove Student 4 and/or Student 5 home on one or more occasions.
19. Between in or about March 2022 and in or about January 2024, the Member had inappropriate physical contact with one or more high school students at School 1, including but not limited to:
 - (a) taking hold of their cheeks; and/or
 - (b) putting his arms around them.
20. Between in or about June 2023 and in or about September 2023, the Member made disparaging and/or negative comments to high school students about the [XXX] at School 1, Person A, including but not limited to calling Person A a paedophile and/or suggesting that Person A inappropriately spends time privately with kids.
21. Between in or about January 2024 and in or about February 2024, while assigned to home during the Board's investigation into his conduct, the Member had contact with students and/or staff who were potential witnesses in the investigation contrary to the Board's instructions.

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A HEARING pursuant to sections 30, 30.2, 32 and 32.1 of the *Act* to decide whether the allegations are true and whether Giuseppe Sirianni is guilty of professional misconduct. A copy of the *Rules of Procedure of the Discipline Committee and of the Fitness to Practise Committee* (the “*Rules of Procedure*”) will be provided upon request and is also available on the College’s website.

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WILL HEAR THIS MATTER on a date to be determined after consultation between College Counsel and you or your counsel and fixed by the Tribunals’ Office.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING AND TO BE REPRESENTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL. The hearing will be held electronically using audio or video conferencing equipment, pursuant to the *Rules of Procedure* and the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.S.22 (the “*SPPA*”).

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND ON THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE, THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAY PROCEED WITH THE HEARING IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WITH ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT AN ELECTRONIC HEARING OR ELECTRONIC SET DATE HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE YOU SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, you must notify the Tribunals’ Office at 101 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 0A1. The Discipline Committee will then determine whether the hearing will proceed in person, electronically, in writing, or by a combination of these formats.

IF A DATE FOR THE HEARING AND/OR THE FORMAT OF THE HEARING ARE NOT AGREED UPON, THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WILL CONVENE TO DEAL WITH THE PROCEDURAL MATTER OF SETTING A DATE AND/OR ESTABLISHING THE FORMAT FOR THE HEARING. The procedural hearing will be held electronically using audio or video conferencing equipment, pursuant to the *Rules of Procedure* and the *SPPA*.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO BE PRESENT WHEN THE COMMITTEE CONVENES TO SET A DATE AND/OR FORMAT FOR THE HEARING AND TO BE REPRESENTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO SET A DATE AND/OR FORMAT FOR THE HEARING, THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE TO SET THE DATE AND/OR FORMAT. NOTICE OF THE HEARING DATE AND/OR FORMAT SET BY THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU IN WRITING AT YOUR LAST KNOWN EMAIL ADDRESS AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDS OF THE COLLEGE.

IF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS YOU GUILTY of professional misconduct, you are liable to the penalties set out in sections 30 and 30.2 of the *Act*.

A MEMBER whose conduct is being investigated in proceedings before the Discipline Committee may examine before the hearing any written or documentary evidence that will be produced or any report, the contents of which will be given as evidence at the hearing.

You or your representative may contact the office of Lisa Feinberg of Glick Feinberg Stone LLP, College Counsel in this matter, at 65 Front Street East, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M5E 1B5, telephone 416-596-2960.

Date: July 20, 2026

Registrar's Signature

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