

**Nicholas Colbaugh**  
**Suspension, 3 months retroactive**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* Mr. Colbaugh engaged in inappropriate communications with a student via text message. He was both a coach and a teacher, and he was texting one of the girls he coached. The student was 13 years old at the time. The texts were not explicit, but mostly occurred late at night and were casual conversations. The school district has since removed Mr. Colbaugh from coaching, but has returned him to the classroom and is comfortable having him there. He has since completed a professional development course in student-teacher boundaries.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g) and (3)(h).

The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent for the suspension of his license.

**THIS ITEM WAS VOTED ON TO BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AND SENT BACK TO THE STAFF FOR MORE DELIBERATION**