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DOE Assistant Principal Made Explicit Sexual Remarks
and Inquiries to Three 15-year-old Female Students
Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that William Abreu, a 43-year-old Department of Education (“DOE”) assistant principal assigned to Progress High School for Professional Careers (“Progress High”) in Brooklyn, made inappropriate sexual remarks to three 15-year-old female students at the school. Abreu asked the three students, who met with him individually to apply for summer jobs at the school, if they were sexually active. He asked one of the girls if she would perform oral sex on him and told her that he treats his female employees like “second wives.” He asked another student if she ever performed oral sex on her boyfriend, and suggested to her that she engage in anal sex. Arelis Candelario, 47, a DOE school aide at Progress High who solicited the three students to apply for the jobs which led them to the meetings with Abreu, lied to and misled investigators concerning her involvement in this matter.

Commissioner Condon recommended to the Chancellor that Abreu and Candelario be dismissed and be made ineligible for future employment with the DOE or its affiliates. Commissioner Condon has also referred his report to Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes for whatever action he deems appropriate.

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation and Special Commissioner Condon reports to Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.

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