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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Gregory Michaelides, a 41-year-old teacher at PS 345 in Brooklyn, engaged in a pattern of inappropriate behavior toward six female students ranging in age from six to twelve. The investigation also revealed that four teachers assigned to the school failed to report inappropriate conduct – including touching – committed by Michaelides.

On a number of separate occasions, Michaelides subjected the six girls to improper behavior, including unwanted touches, caresses, and gifts. The four teachers ignored, overlooked, or minimized Michaelides's conduct toward female students and tried to distance themselves from the impropriety of it when questioned by the Special Commissioner's investigators. The teachers generally termed Michaelides's conduct as "not inappropriate" or "harmless," yet two of them cautioned Michaelides. None of them reported his behavior.

Commissioner Condon recommended to Chancellor Klein that Michaelides be terminated and made ineligible for future employment in the City's schools and also referred his findings to Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes for whatever action he deems appropriate. He also recommended to the Chancellor that disciplinary action be taken against the four teachers: Joyce Sticco, Evelyn Carrillo, Darlene Jones Hardwick, and Daphna Gutman.

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.