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Office of Special Commissioner of Investigation 2006 Statistical Report

Additional statistical information will be available at 11:00am at the Office of the Special Commissioner, 80 Maiden Lane, 20th Floor.

Today, Special Commissioner Richard J. Condon released a statistical report detailing the number of investigations conducted by his office in 2006 involving employees, individuals, and companies associated with the New York City Department of Education (DOE). The report indicates that there have been significant increases in the number of complaints received and cases investigated by SCI compared to the previous year.

In 2006, SCI received 2552 complaints, a 38% increase compared to the 1849 complaints received in 2005 and the highest in the agency's history. Of the 2552 complaints received, 638 investigations were opened representing a 12% increase from the 569 investigations opened in 2005.

SCI substantiated a total of 259 cases which is comparable to the 251 cases substantiated in 2005. However, it is important to note that 259 represents the highest number of substantiated cases since the agency's inception in 1991. Of the 259 cases substantiated, 101 cases were referred to prosecutors which represent a 68% increase from the 60 cases referred in the previous year.

The number of sexual misconduct complaints showed a 9.71% increase from 525 to 576 and represents 23% of all complaints received for 2006. Of the 576 sexual misconduct complaints received, SCI investigated 197 cases and substantiated a total of 86 which is a decrease from the 92 cases substantiated in 2005. Sexual allegations include criminal acts, inappropriate relationships with students who have reached the age of consent, and physical and verbal harassment of a sexual nature.

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.