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Office of Special Commissioner of Investigation 2007 Statistical Report

Today, Special Commissioner Richard J. Condon released a statistical report detailing the number of investigations conducted by his office in 2007 involving employees, individuals, and companies associated with the New York City Department of Education (DOE). The report indicates that there have been notable increases in the number of complaints received and cases substantiated by SCI compared to the previous year.

In 2007, SCI received 2818 complaints, a 10% increase compared to the 2552 complaints received in 2006 and the highest in the agency's history. Of the 2818 complaints received:

- 701 investigations were opened representing a 9.8% increase from the 638 investigations opened in 2006.
- There were 76 complaints referred by the DOE Office of Pupil Transportation which is more than quadruple the 17 complaints received in 2006.
- There were 10 complaints involving Charter Schools compared to 7 complaints from the previous year.

SCI substantiated a total of 308 cases which represents an 18% increase over the 261 cases substantiated in 2006. It is important to note that 308 represents the highest number of substantiated cases since the agency's inception in 1991. Of the 308 cases substantiated, 90 cases were referred to prosecutors.

The number of sexual misconduct complaints showed a 7.5% increase from 576 to 619 and represents 22% of all complaints received for 2007. Of the 619 sexual misconduct complaints received, SCI opened 223 new investigations. SCI completed 209 investigations including new and previously opened cases, 95 of which were substantiated. In 2006, SCI opened 197 new investigations. That year, SCI completed 194 investigations including new and previously opened cases, 86 of which were substantiated. 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.