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Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation
2009 Statistical Report

Today, Special Commissioner Richard J. Condon released a statistical report detailing the number of complaints received and investigations conducted by his office in 2009, involving employees, individuals, and companies associated with the New York City Department of Education (DOE).

In 2009, SCI received a total of 3,013 complaints which represents a 4.4% increase from the 2,886 complaints received in 2008. Of the 3,013 complaints received in 2009:

- 679 investigations were opened representing a 7% decrease from the 725 investigations opened in 2008.
- However, the number of investigations opened represents an increase over every year other than 2007 and 2008.
- There were 22 complaints involving Charter Schools, the same number as in 2008.

In 2009, SCI completed 693 investigations, more than in any year other than 2008. SCI had substantiated findings in 289 of those cases. The number of substantiated cases in 2009 represents 42% of the investigations completed compared to 44% in 2008. SCI recommended that the employment of 112 individuals be terminated compared to 139 in 2008. SCI recommended that 175 individuals be made ineligible for future employment with the DOE compared to 212 in 2008. Of the 289 cases substantiated in 2009, SCI referred 96 cases to prosecutors – 15 fewer cases than the 111 cases referred in 2008. Investigations conducted by SCI resulted in the arrest of 13 individuals or corporations in 2009.

In 2009, 607 of the complaints received at SCI involved an allegation of sexual misconduct. Of those, 221 investigations were opened. SCI completed 209 investigations which involved a sexual allegation and 78 – 37% – had substantiated findings. 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.