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Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation **2011 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 2011, involving employees, individuals, and companies associated with the New York City Department of Education (DOE).

In 2011, SCI received a total of 3,505 complaints which represents a 5% increase from the 3,336 complaints received in 2010 and is the highest in the history of the agency. Of the 3,505 complaints received in 2011:

- 740 investigations were opened representing the second highest number of investigations conducted by the agency;
- 29 complaints involved Charter Schools which was a 43% decrease from the 51 complaints reported in 2010.

In 2011, SCI completed 811 investigations and SCI had substantiated findings in 279 of those cases. The number of substantiated cases in 2011 represents 34% of the investigations completed. SCI recommended that the employment of 104 individuals be terminated compared to 126 in 2010. SCI recommended that 119 individuals be made ineligible for future employment with the DOE compared to 189 in 2010. Of the 279 cases substantiated in 2011, SCI referred 103 cases to prosecutors – 6% less than were referred in 2010. Investigations conducted by SCI resulted in the arrest of 22 individuals or corporations in 2011—a 50% increase from the 11 arrests that took place in 2010.

In 2011, 561 of the complaints received at SCI involved an allegation of sexual misconduct. Of those, 257 investigations were opened which represents a 16% increase over the 222 investigations opened in 2010. Of the 561 complaints reported, 85 (15%) of those complaints involved inappropriate internet conduct, email communication as well as text communication. In 2010, of the 586 sexual misconduct complaints SCI received, 92 (16%) complaints pertained to inappropriate internet conduct. SCI completed 248 investigations in 2011 which involved a sexual allegation and 66 – 27% – 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.