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Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation 2016 Statistical Report

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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a statistical report detailing the number of complaints received and investigations conducted by his office (SCI) in 2016, involving employees, individuals, and vendors associated with the New York City Department of Education (DOE).

In 2016, SCI processed a total of 6,336 complaints. This represented a 10% increase over the 5,566 complaints recorded in 2015, and the highest number recorded in the history of the agency. In 2016:

- SCI opened 772 investigations;
- SCI completed 845 investigations opened in 2016, and earlier years;
- There were substantiated findings in 25% of the investigations conducted;
- SCI received 622 complaints which included a sexual component; opened 218 investigations involving those allegations, and made substantiated findings in 16% of the sexual misconduct investigations conducted;
- A significant number of complaints involved a Pre-Kindergarten For All ("Pre-K") issue. SCI received at least 100 more Pre-K complaints than in 2015. The increase likely reflects the expansion of the Pre-K program in 2016, and the more stringent reporting of even minor incidents; and
- SCI monitored 544 referred complaints; of those, 243 became investigations conducted by SCI.

Monitor cases involve misconduct allegations made against DOE employees, which originally were referred to another agency, such as the New York City Police Department.

Sexual misconduct allegations include criminal acts, inappropriate relationships with students who have reached the age of consent, physical and verbal harassment of a sexual nature, cell phone contact, and Social Media contact.

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI). Special Commissioner Condon reports to DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters.