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DOE Teacher Arrested/Report Available

Today, investigators from the office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon arrested 56-year-old R. Christopher Asch, a teacher assigned to Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Special Commissioner's office, which found that Asch had touched at least four students in an inappropriate manner over the course of two years. The inappropriate interaction often took place in the school library where Asch worked. Details regarding Asch's misconduct are available in a report released today.

Asch is facing charges of one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Harassment in the 2nd Degree. Asch, who was removed from Stuyvesant during the investigation, remains reassigned pending disciplinary action by the Department of Education. Special Commissioner Condon thanks New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau and Assistant District Attorney Sharah Thomas who is assigned to the prosecution of Asch.

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.