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**FORMER QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER ENGAGED IN  
INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MULTIPLE  
STUDENTS**

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Anastasia Coleman released a report detailing the findings of an investigation into Peter Muhlbach (“Muhlbach”), a 53-year-old former New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) teacher previously assigned to Long Island City High School in Queens (“LIC”). The report concluded that Muhlbach engaged in repeated acts of misconduct with numerous female students, including maintaining a sexual relationship with one former student, both before and after her graduation from LIC.

The investigation, which began in December of 2018 and stemmed from multiple allegations, determined that Muhlbach engaged in inappropriate phone, text, and social media contact with students, and regularly provided female students with money or other gifts. A review of records confirmed that Muhlbach issued primarily-female students unmerited passing grades, and at least one student was provided with alcohol and drugs, and engaged in sexual intercourse with the teacher both during and after her time at LIC.

Special Commissioner Coleman emphasized, “The actions and behaviors of Mr. Muhlbach are completely unacceptable and they clearly demonstrate his abuse of authority as a teacher.”

Muhlbach was suspended during the course of this investigation, and later resigned from his DOE position effective September 1, 2019.