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**DOE PARAPROFESSIONAL ARRESTED FOR GRABBING AND
SQUEEZING A NINE-YEAR-OLD STUDENT BY THE NECK**

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Anastasia Coleman announced the arrest of Standley McCray, formerly a New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) paraprofessional, who squeezed the hand and neck of a nine-year-old male student (“Student A”) causing him to fall to the floor and sustain injuries.

The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (“SCI”), which found that McCray squeezed Student A’s fingers for more than two minutes and grabbed student A by the neck when the student left his table to speak with friends. McCray’s actions caused Student A to lose his balance and fall, sustaining injuries that required medical attention. McCray is charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree, Menacing in the 2nd Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, and Harassment.

Special Commissioner Anastasia Coleman emphasized, “There is no place in the New York City school system for an employee who physically assaults students, regardless of their intent. Mr. McCray’s behavior was dangerous, reckless, and wholly unacceptable.” Special Commissioner Coleman thanks her investigative staff at SCI and Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and his staff for their assistance with this matter.