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**FORMER TEACHER ARRESTED FOR DEFRAUDING THE DOE**  
**OUT OF MORE THAN \$29,000**

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Anastasia Coleman announced the arrest of Jeffrey Gooding, a former New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) teacher, who defrauded the DOE when he illegally obtained more than \$29,000 in salary while on medical leave from his City position but employed elsewhere.

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 while on a paid medical leave from his teaching position at Public School 46 in Manhattan, Gooding was employed at the Harlem Village Academy Leadership Charter School. SCI investigators found that Gooding received more than \$29,000 in salary from the DOE over an approximate five-month span from August 31, 2016 to January 13, 2017.

Gooding is charged with Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Gooding resigned from the DOE effective January 25, 2017.

Special Commissioner Anastasia Coleman emphasized “Mr. Gooding stole valuable resources meant to benefit DOE students. There is no place in the school system for those who put their own interests before those of the children.” Special Commissioner Coleman thanks her investigative staff at SCI and New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance and his staff for their assistance with this matter.