

**HOW TO REPORT
CORRUPTION AND
MISCONDUCT**

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The Special Commissioner of
Investigation for the New York
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If you wish to have a
representative from our office
speak at your school, agency, or
organization, please contact us.

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**Committed to a Safe, Honest
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System**



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ABOUT US

The Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District ("SCI") was created independent of the Department of Education by the Mayor and the Board of Education ("BOE") in 1990. SCI investigates fraud, corruption, misconduct, and other illegal, unethical or improper activities by officials, employees, contractors, and vendors doing business with the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") - the nation's largest school district enrolling nearly one million students and employing 140,000 staff located in over 1,800 facilities.

OUR GOAL: THE BEST EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR NEW YORK CITY'S SCHOOLCHILDREN

Our office conducts investigations that, first and foremost, insure safe, quality education for New York City's schoolchildren. We investigate allegations of :

- Child sexual and physical abuse
- Corruption & fraud
- Financial crimes
- Misconduct
- Conflicts of Interest
- Mismanagement
- Theft

Whenever we uncover wrongdoing, our office issues a report that describes the crime or misconduct and details the investigation. We also recommend action, whether it be prosecuting a school official who has committed a crime, removing an administrator who has acted unethically, or changing school policy to prevent similar misconduct from recurring. SCI seeks not only to protect our schoolchildren but also to ensure that the billions of dollars allocated to New York City schools annually is spent on

education. Due to this commitment, many of our investigations result in lasting, far-reaching improvements in our school system.

PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

SCI's staff consists of investigators and attorneys with a wealth of experience in investigating, litigating, and prosecuting criminal and civil matters. By order of the Mayor and resolution of the BOE, SCI is authorized to:

- Conduct investigative hearings
- Take testimony under oath
- Examine, copy or remove any evidence
- Issue subpoenas & Conduct arrests
- Recommend disciplinary or remedial action

Having such authority enables SCI to conduct accurate, thorough investigations that result in safer and more productive learning environments for New York City's children.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SCI wants to know what is happening in your school or district. Your information and cooperation are vital to our success. Everyone who has a stake in our schools -- administrators, teachers, parents, students, and all New Yorkers -- can help make our office and the entire school system more effective. **Every officer and employee of the DOE is obligated to report immediately to SCI any knowledge of wrongdoing in the school system.** We urge parents, students, and other concerned members of the community to get involved and help our children.

SCI

IS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY
WITH OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY
OF THE DOE

QUESTIONS COMMONLY ASKED

Q: What sort of misconduct does SCI investigate?

A: SCI investigates misappropriation of funds, sexual abuse of students, conflicts of interest and any other criminal or unethical conduct that hinders the public schools from functioning effectively.

Q: Whom does SCI investigate?

A: Our job is to keep the schools free of crime and corruption at every level of the system. Therefore, SCI investigates anyone who works on school sites or in administrative offices as well as anyone doing business with the New York City School District.

Q: How long do investigations take?

A: Speed is one of our main priorities, and some investigations are completed within weeks of the initial complaint. However, many investigations require time-consuming tasks such as gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses. Therefore, large-scale investigations can take months to complete.

Q: How can I help?

A: If you suspect corruption or crime affecting the school system, your school district, or your school, call us at (212) 510-1400 or visit our website nycsci.org

Q: Will my job be protected against retaliation if I report wrongdoing?

A: The Department of Education's "**whistleblower protection**" resolution guarantees protection from retaliation for any employee who reports corruption or wrongdoing to SCI.