

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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December 29, 2014

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Significant Activity Report

Dear Mayor Gray:

This letter is to inform you that on December 4, 2014, a United States District Court judge sentenced Donnie Dukes, a former compliance officer for the D.C. Public Schools (DCPS), to 1 month of incarceration followed by 6 months of home detention for defrauding the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) of more than \$460,000. In addition, Mr. Dukes was ordered to pay full restitution of \$463,621. Following his home detention, Mr. Dukes will be placed on 3 years of probation.

The D.C. Office of Inspector General's (OIG) joint investigation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Education, Office of Inspector General revealed that Mr. Dukes worked from October 2008 until October 2010 as a compliance officer for DCPS. While employed with DCPS, Mr. Dukes owned a company that provided transportation services for students who traveled outside the District for special services for which he received an illegal profit.

In October 2010, DCPS terminated Mr. Dukes as part of an overall reduction in the workforce. He then obtained nonpublic lists of students needing transportation services from his former colleagues at DCPS. Mr. Dukes used these lists to create 60 false invoices and supporting documentation, which caused OSSE to pay Mr. Dukes' company for transportation services that were never provided. In January 2014, Mr. Dukes pled guilty to conflict of interest and wire fraud.

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If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Brian T. Sweeney, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2012-0150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lucas", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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