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TO: Impartial Hearing Officers Who Conduct Impartial Hearings for New York City  
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SUBJECT: Impartial Hearing Officer Recusals from Appointments

of an IHO who retains and administers the case until its conclusion and is undermining our shared goal of providing timely and meaningful due process for parties.

Impartial Hearing Reporting System (IHRS) data indicates that, during the 2018-19 school year (7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019), there were 12,708 instances for 4,257 cases when an IHO recused him/herself. One thousand, six hundred thirty-seven cases had three or more recusals of appointed IHOs†HOsd7him/herself,

the appointment of an IHO who is listed as active presumes that the IHO will accept the case unless there is justifiable reason why the IHO cannot serve for a particular

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