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Copies of the report are available after 10:30 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20th Floor.

Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon today released the findings of his investigation into the employment of Deputy Chancellor Diana Lam's husband, Peter Plattes, by the New York City Department of Education (DOE).

A series of articles in New York City newspapers in August 2003 generated the Special Commissioner's investigation. His report finds that Lam helped her husband obtain a position as a Regional Instructional Specialist (RIS), which pays over \$100,000 a year. Following inquiries by the media, DOE officials halted the processing of his paperwork and deleted computer entries relating to Plattes's employment.

In the course of the inquiry, investigators discovered that, after giving up the RIS job, and with Lam's encouragement, Plattes then sought and was hired as a teacher with the DOE. He relinquished this position as well.

Investigators learned that there was no public waiver document issued by the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board.

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