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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Johnathan Williams, a 28-year-old school aide assigned to JHS 126 in Brooklyn, engaged in a pattern of inappropriate behavior toward at least nine female students and one male student. The investigation also revealed that school officials were made aware of Williams's actions but they failed to report his misconduct to the Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation ("SCI").

The investigation found that Williams frequently encouraged students to participate in a game of "tag" in the school's auditorium or in a closet located in the cheerleading office—with the lights off—during which time he would use the opportunity to touch the female students inappropriately either on their buttocks, breasts, back, or hips. In other instances, he made sexual comments to other female students which included complementing their bodies and discussing when he lost his virginity. Some of the students in question complained to school officials about Williams's behavior and prepared written statements, however, none of the officials notified SCI. Instead, Williams received a verbal warning. After SCI began an investigation, school officials were unable to identify the students and did not locate the written statements submitted by the students.

Williams was suspended during the course of the investigation. Commissioner Condon has recommended that Williams's employment be terminated and that he be made ineligible for future employment in the City's schools. Commissioner Condon is referring the findings of his investigation to Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes for whatever action he deems appropriate. He also recommended to the Chancellor that disciplinary action be taken against the school officials who failed to notify SCI of Mr. Williams's behavior.

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation and Special Commissioner Condon reports to Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.