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## **Report Released Today**

Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon has released a report detailing the findings of an investigation into fraudulent bidding schemes used by 13 New York City Department of Education custodians, vendors, and vendor employees in the purported purchase of cleaning supplies.

The Office of the Special Commissioner began the investigation in June 2002 – then involving only one custodian – expanded it in June 2003, and referred the matter to the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division in May 2004.

Two of the 13 custodians were convicted in connection with other investigations conducted by the Special Commissioner's Office and have left their employment with the City school system. A third retired – Special Commissioner Condon recommended that all three of these former custodians be made ineligible for future work. He also recommended that the other 10 active custodians be terminated and barred from future employment with the NYC DOE.

Copies of the reports will be available after 10:30 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor. Questions should be referred to Laurel Wright-Hinckson at (212) 510-1479.

Special Commissioner Condon is a Deputy Commissioner to Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.