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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Lawrence Siegel, a 56-year-old retired Assistant Principal formerly assigned to IS 72 on Staten Island, received massages from a 12-year-old female student in his office at the school. In a conversation secretly taped by the girl's mother, Siegel directed the student to lie to investigators about his conduct – which she initially did. The student's mother confronted Siegel, and in a series of meetings that followed, they discussed an agreement by which Siegel would pay private school tuition for her daughter and she would not report his misconduct.

The Special Commissioner has recommended that Lawrence Siegel be made ineligible for work in the New York City school system and has referred his findings to the Richmond County District Attorney's office.

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.