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**POWER, POLITICS, AND PATRONAGE:
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 12**

The Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District will release a 120-page report today documenting bribery, fraud, and patronage in Community School District 12 in the Bronx. Among the Special Commissioner's findings:

- * Board member bribed for a principalship
- * School Board members threw a fundraiser and pocketed the profits.
- * Board members chose principals in secret back-room deals.
- * Extensive patronage mill: School district jobs given to political cronies, friends, and relatives
- * Principals and assistant principals must work on board members' political campaigns in order to protect their jobs.

Documenting a 16-month investigation, the Special Commissioner's comprehensive report gives an insider's view of the political workings of a school district.

The Special Commissioner and Mayor David Dinkins, who has consistently supported the Commissioner's efforts, will hold a press conference this morning at 10:00 at 25 Broadway, 8th Floor. Copies of the report will be available at that time.

The Special Commissioner thanks the office of District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, especially Chief of the Frauds Bureau Roslyn Mauskopf and Assisant District Attorney Sheryl Robinson for their cooperation and assistance in the investigation.