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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that A-Plus Center for Learning ("A-Plus"), a Special Education Teacher Support Services provider doing business with the New York City Department of Education (DOE), is owned by Richard Bourbeau, a 44-year-old DOE Special Education Teacher. The investigation revealed that Bourbeau submitted claims to the DOE totaling approximately $14,000 using the name of a retired male DOE teacher who was never employed by the Center but purportedly tutored several students.

Commissioner Condon has referred his findings to the King's County District Attorney for whatever action he deems appropriate. The Special Commissioner has also recommended that Richard Bourbeau's employment be terminated and that he be made ineligible for any future employment with the DOE or one of its vendors in the future. The commissioner has also recommended that the DOE not do business with A-Plus and a full audit of the payments made to A-Plus be conducted.

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.