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Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing the findings of an investigation which substantiated that Department of Education ("DOE") vendor Summit Restaurant Repairs, Inc. submitted fraudulent documents, purportedly emanating from parts suppliers, in order to avoid being assessed financial penalties for failing to complete repairs within the time period required by the contract. The DOE waived $27,000 in liquidated damages based on the false documentation.

Special Commissioner Condon recommended that the DOE stop doing business with Summit Restaurant Repairs, Inc. and that this matter be considered should Summit seek work with the City school system in the future. In addition, he recommended that the DOE recover the liquidated damages which should not have been waived for Summit. The findings also were referred to Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown and the Mayors Office of Contract Services for appropriate action.

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.