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Report Released Today

Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon has released a report describing an investigation into Supplemental Educational Services (SES) vendors that contract with the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to provide tutoring to eligible public schoolchildren under the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*. In the 2004-2005 school year, the DOE paid \$80 million to SES providers.

The investigation found that certain SES providers – in some instances with the assistance of DOE employees – engaged in questionable business practices in dealings with the DOE, parents, and students in efforts to attain the maximum amount of federal funds available under the *NCLB Act*. SES providers also failed to conduct background and fingerprint checks on individuals who worked in schools and came into contact with New York City public schoolchildren.

Copies of the report will be available after 10:30 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20th Floor. Questions should be referred to Aquila Haynes at (212) 510-1479.

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.