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Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Assistant Principal Patricia Sabater and Guidance Counselor Rebecca Shaffren, assigned to PS 219 in Brooklyn, mishandled a complaint made by an 11-year-old female student who had alleged being sexually abused by male students. The child's report, and the employees' failure to act on it, occurred in 2011. The investigation was prolonged by protracted litigation involving a subpoena issued by the Special Commissioner's office.

Special Commissioner Condon recommended to the Chancellor that Sabater's employment be terminated and that appropriate disciplinary action be taken against Shaffren. The Special Commissioner also referred the findings to Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson.

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 Mark G. Peters.