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Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report relating to an investigation which found that Sidney Massey, the former principal at PS 37 in Manhattan, known as the River East Elementary School, put schoolchildren at risk by allowing a volunteer unrestricted access to the school and its student population. Massey knew or should have known that the volunteer, Mario Martis, was ineligible for employment with the Department of Education as a result of a conviction for Endangering the Welfare of a Child. At River East, Martis befriended a number of male students and behaved inappropriately toward them. He invited the boys to spend weekend nights at his home, slept with some of them, and wrestled with some of them on his bed.

Copies of the report will be available after 11:00 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.