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Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Jill Schifter and Anthony Maulella, who are not Department of Education (DOE) employees, enrolled their daughter (Student A) at Fiorello H. LaGuardia School of Music & Art and Performing Arts (LaGuardia), although they lived in New Jersey. Student A, an 11th Grader at LaGuardia, has attended New York City DOE schools since the 7th Grade, but Schifter and Maulella have never paid non-resident tuition. Instead, Student A's parents enrolled her in the DOE schools using the Upper East Side 5th Avenue address of Janice and Bradley Lewart, who are not DOE employees. For a short period in 2005, before Student A entered 7th Grade at the Professional Performing Arts School, a public junior high school in Manhattan, Maulella became the person billed on the Verizon and ConEdison accounts for the 5th Avenue address, which then reverted back to the Lewarts. Schifter and Maulella used the Maulella invoices as proof of New York City residency. Schifter and Maulella owe the DOE between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Special Commissioner Condon recommended that the DOE recover the cost of Student A's education as expeditiously as possible. He also referred the findings to New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. for whatever action he deems appropriate.

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.

