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## REPORT REVEALS NEW EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION IN BRONX COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Commissioner Edward F. Stancik today releases a report entitled, *Back to the Future: Conflicts of Interest and Fraud in Community School District 12*, which reveals how a District 12 board member, a prospective superintendent candidate, and other high-ranking officials violated Board of Education regulations and New York State Education Law in attempts to establish residency within the district and permit ineligible voters to cast ballots in community school board elections. One board member, Blanca Feliciano, even went so far as to exploit two schoolchildren to remain on the board.

The report recommends that the Board of Education take strong disciplinary action, which could appropriately include termination, against PS 101 principal and superintendent candidate Alexander Castillo, another principal, an assistant principal, and a teacher. In addition, it recommends that Feliciano, who is already suspended from her position, be removed for malfeasance in office.