

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Inspector General**

Inspector General



January 7, 2011

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 316  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dear Mayor Gray:

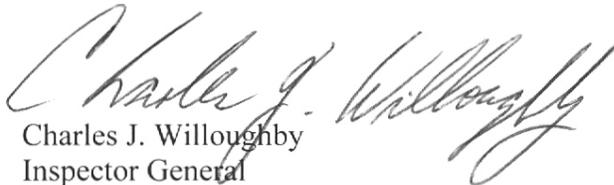
This report is to inform you of the recent plea and sentencing of Sylvia J. Phillips, a former D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) employee who currently works for the Office of State Superintendent of Education. Ms. Phillips fraudulently obtained Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits from the D.C. Department of Employment Services.

On December 17, 2010, Ms. Phillips pled guilty to First Degree Fraud and was sentenced to 5 years of supervised probation, and payment of \$4,906.00 in restitution.

The investigation revealed that from July 2008 through June 2009, Ms. Phillips fraudulently obtained \$4,906.00 in UI benefits while employed by DCPS.

If you need any additional information, please call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2010-0008.

Sincerely,

  
Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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