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April 25, 2014

Lori White, Superintendent
Sarasota County School District
1960 Landings Boulevard
Sarasota, Florida 34231

Dear Superintendent White:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to Sarasota County School District's 2013–14 exceptional student education (ESE) self-assessment monitoring process, including validation by bureau staff. We are pleased to report that no findings of noncompliance were identified by the district or by the bureau during the validation process.

In addition to the self-assessment referenced above, a Matrix of Services review was required. Sarasota County School District was required to review nine matrices for students reported at the 254 or 255 cost factors for weighted funding through the Florida Education Finance Program. A cost factor discrepancy was found in one of those records. Verification of correction was submitted by your school district.

Results of districts' self-assessments may be used to inform general supervision activities, including the selection of districts for on-site monitoring and the local educational agency determinations required under section 300.603, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations.

We understand that the implementation of this self-assessment requires a significant commitment of resources, and we appreciate the time and attention your staff has devoted to the process. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact your district liaison for monitoring or Patricia Howell, program director, at 850-245-0476 or via email at patricia.howell@fldoe.org.

Sincerely,

Pam Stewart

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