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April 25, 2014

Mark A. Rains, Superintendent
Dixie County School District
16077 N.E. Highway 19
Cross City, Florida 32628

Dear Superintendent Rains:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to Dixie County School District's 2013–14 exceptional student education self-assessment monitoring process, including validation by bureau staff and reassessment by the district. Records were reviewed for Secondary Transition and Individual Educational Plan Implementation. A finding of noncompliance was identified for Individual Educational Plan Implementation. Two prongs of correction are required: student-specific correction and demonstration of 100 percent compliance. Your district has completed both prongs of correction and no further corrective actions are required.

In addition to the self-assessment referenced above, a Matrix of Services review was required. Dixie County School District was required to review three matrices for students reported at the 254 or 255 cost factors for weighted funding through the Florida Education Finance Program. No cost factor discrepancies were found in those records.

The following is a summary of the school district's timely correction of student-specific findings of noncompliance.

Noncompliance by Student

	Number of Items	Percentage
Total Items Assessed	120	--
Noncompliant	1	0.8%
Timely Corrected	1	100%

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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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