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April 25, 2014

Mr. John Howle
Assistant Bureau Chief of Education
Florida Department of Corrections
501 South Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Howle:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to the Florida Department of Corrections' 2013–14 exceptional student education self-assessment monitoring process, including validation by bureau staff and reassessment by your staff. Records were reviewed for Secondary Transition and Individual Educational Plan Implementation. Findings of noncompliance were identified for both areas. Two prongs of correction are required: student-specific correction and demonstration of 100 percent compliance. Florida Department of Corrections has completed the first prong (the required student-specific correction).

Demonstration of 100 percent compliance (the second prong of correction) must be provided to the bureau no later than January 8, 2015. In order to assist in reaching 100 percent compliance on all of the targeted standards, a corrective action plan (CAP) must be developed to address the root causes(s) of the noncompliance. This CAP is required to be submitted via the General Supervision Website and must include, at a minimum, (1) a description of activities to be implemented, (2) the resources to be accessed or allocated to implement the plan, and (3) assessment on the targeted standards. This assessment is to be conducted on a sample of records on a monthly basis until 100 percent compliance is achieved. If the second prong of correction is not completed by January 8, 2015, Florida Department of Corrections' local educational agency determination could be affected.

A Matrix of Services review for weighted funding through the Florida Education Finance Program was not required for the Florida Department of Corrections.

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The following is a summary of Florida Department of Corrections' timely correction of student-specific findings of noncompliance:

Noncompliance by Student

	Number of Items	Percentage
Total Items Assessed	264	--
Noncompliant	33	12.5%
Timely Corrected	33	100%

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 thus far. 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,



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