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July 15, 2011

Ms. Martha W. Butler, Superintendent
Hamilton County School District
4280 S.W. County Road 152
Jasper, FL 32052-3774

Dear Superintendent Butler:

This letter comprises the final report for Hamilton County School District's 2010–11 Spring Cycle Level 2 self-assessment process for exceptional student education (ESE) compliance. The district identified no incidents of noncompliance; the Bureau's review of a sampling of records validated the district's results.

The self-assessment system is designed to address the major areas of compliance related to the State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The results of district self-assessments are included in the State's APR and are used to inform oversight activities, including the selection of districts for on-site monitoring, and the local educational agency (LEA) determinations required under Section 300.603, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, which result in districts being identified as "meets requirements," "needs assistance," "needs intervention," or "needs substantial intervention."

The district assessed 55 different standards within ten student records. We understand that the implementation of this self-assessment required a significant commitment of resources and appreciate the time and attention your staff has devoted to the process. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact your assigned district liaison for monitoring or Patricia Howell, Program Director, at (850) 245-0476 or via electronic mail at patricia.howell@fldoe.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bambi J. Lockman".

Bambi J. Lockman, LL.D.
Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

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