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May 22, 2013

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent
Miami-Dade County School District
1450 N.E. Second Ave., Suite 912
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Superintendent Carvalho:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to Miami-Dade County School District's 2012-13 exceptional student education self-assessment monitoring process, including validation by bureau staff. Records were reviewed for Secondary Transition, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Restraint and Seclusion. Findings of noncompliance were identified for all of these areas. Two prongs of correction are required: student-specific correction and demonstration of 100 percent compliance. Your district 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 4, 2014. In order to assist the district in reaching 100 percent compliance on all of the targeted standards, a corrective action plan (CAP) must be developed to address the root cause(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 4, 2014, the district's local educational agency determination could be affected.

In addition to the self-assessment referenced above, a Matrix of Services review was required. Miami-Dade County School District was required to review 15 matrices for students reported at the 254 or 255 cost factors for weighted funding through the Florida Education Finance Program. Cost factor discrepancies were found in 100 percent of those records. Verification of correction was submitted by your school district.

PAM STEWART
CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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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	814	--
Noncompliant	179	22%
Timely Corrected	179	100%

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 assigned 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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