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Dr. Karyn Gary, Superintendent
DeSoto County School District
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Dear Superintendent Gary:

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services is in receipt of your district's response to the follow-up correspondence for the 2014-15 Exceptional Student Education Compliance Self-Assessment. This letter serves as the verification report for DeSoto County School District's 2014-15 Level 1 Fall Cycle self-assessment monitoring process. We are pleased to report 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. The DeSoto 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. 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 required a significant commitment of resources, and we appreciate the time and attention your staff has devoted to the process. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact your district liaison for monitoring or Patricia Howell, program director, at 850-245-0475 or via email at patricia.howell@fldoe.org.

Sincerely,

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