



Gary Chartrand, *Chair*
John R. Padget, *Vice Chair*
Members
John A. Colón
Marva Johnson
Rebecca Fishman Lipsey
Michael Olenick
Andy Tuck

April 28, 2015

Mr. Jeff Eakins, Superintendent
Hillsborough County School District
P.O. Box 3408
Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Superintendent Eakins:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to Hillsborough County School District’s 2014-15 exceptional student education self-assessment monitoring process, including validation by bureau staff and reassessment by the district. Records were reviewed for Department of Juvenile Justice, Evaluation, Development, Implementation and Secondary Transition. Findings of noncompliance were identified for two areas. Two prongs of corrective action 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. The Hillsborough County School District was required to review 11 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	860	--
Noncompliant	11	1.3%
Timely Corrected	11	100%

Mary Jane Tappen
Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Schools

Superintendent Eakins
April 28, 2015
Page Two

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 850-245-0475 or via email at patricia.howell@fldoe.org.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Tappen

MJT/mvt

cc: Maryann Parks
Hershel Lyons
Monica Verra-Tirado

Cathy Bishop
Patricia Howell
Jerry Brown

Curtis Williams
Judith White