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Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent  
Miami-Dade County School District  
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Dear Superintendent Carvalho:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to Miami-Dade 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 all 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 Miami-Dade 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. A cost factor discrepancy was found in one of those records. Verification of correction was submitted by your school district.

The following is a summary of the school district’s timely correction of student-specific findings of noncompliance.

**Noncompliance by Student**

	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Total Items Assessed	802	--
Noncompliant	77	9.6%
Timely Corrected	77	100%

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Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Schools

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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](mailto:patricia.howell@fldoe.org).

Sincerely,

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