

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of June 23, 1999

June 9, 1999

Management and Accountability
Carol Cortes, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - REVIEW OF ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FEES, MARCH 1999, PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES

In accordance with the Audit Plan for the 1998-99 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Compliance Audits has performed a review of the architectural/engineering (A/E) fees procured under certain agreements for professional services. The review covered the period from January 1997 to March 1999, and focused primarily on major construction projects completed or near completion during that period. The review concluded that A/E fees are in line with industry standards, and the control environment is adequate. There are certain recommendations, however, that merit the administration's attention. The administration has agreed with our recommendations and has indicated in its response that appropriate action will be taken immediately.

In accordance with the procedures for the Office of Management and Compliance Audits, the Internal Audit Report - Review of Architectural/Engineering Fees, March 1999, is submitted to the School Board. The School Board Audit Committee reviewed the audit report at its May 11, 1999 meeting and will submit its recommendations to the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools by June 18, 1999.

Copies of this report will be distributed to Board Members, the Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate district staff and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Internal Audit Report - Review of Architectural/Engineering Fees, March 1999, presented by the Office of Management and Compliance Audits.