

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
 INSPECTOR GENERAL**

The current budget for the Office of the Inspector General provides only for the position of Inspector General, clerical support, supplies. After approximately six months on the job Herbert Cousins, Jr., the incumbent, has outlined the staffing and other support, which is needed for the Office of the Inspector General to achieve the expectations of the Superintendent, the School Board and the public.

Specifically, the requested funding would provide for three experienced civilian investigators, one analyst, contracted services and rent for office and parking spaces. The annualized cost is approximately \$522,303; however the cost for the six months remaining in the current fiscal year is only \$261,000.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve the appropriation of \$261,000 from Contingency for the Office of The Inspector General.