

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of May 10, 2006

May 5, 2006

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Office of Management and Compliance Audits

**SUBJECT:           AUDIT OF THE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION  
PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:       INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Many of the areas we reviewed were well functioning. We observed program operation at six sampled schools and were favorably impressed with the programs. District ESE staffing to student ratios are in line with the benchmarked Districts and level of administrative staffing is comparably favorable. However, the ESE program could be more efficient by completing a greater number of student initial evaluations more timely, developing high level performance indicators and the information needed to better monitor program operations. Management has pursued corrective actions.

The School Board Audit Committee reviewed this report at its May 2, 2006 meeting and recommended that the School Board receive the report.

Copies of this report were previously distributed and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center. Additional copies will be provided upon request.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the **Internal Audit Report – Opportunities to Improve the Exceptional Student Education Program.**

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