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**SUBJECT: AUDIT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER
RECOVERY**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Our audit concluded that adequate emergency management and disaster recovery procedures are in place and periodic emergency response exercises and vulnerability assessments are conducted. The majority of employees surveyed provided positive feedback concerning training and knowledge in emergency management procedures. Communication and notification procedures and infrastructures are mostly adequate. Notwithstanding, additional resources, education and attention need to be devoted to the administration of post-disaster recovery. Improved systems and resources devoted to this activity will provide for timely, comprehensive and well supported claims. This will reduce the risk of lost opportunities to adequately fund recovery efforts and losses arising from damages to and cleanup of facilities and personal property from available funding sources. District staff agreed to implement all of our recommendations.

The School Board Audit Committee reviewed the report at its September 6, 2006 meeting and recommended transmitting the report to the School Board. The Audit Committee also commended staff for the outcome of this audit.

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Copies of this report 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 Audit of Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery.

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