

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of July 17, 2013

July 11, 2013

José F. Montes de Oca, Chief Auditor
Office of Management and Compliance Audits

**SUBJECT: MIAMI PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION IN COMMUNITIES
TASKFORCE (PROJECT MPACT)**

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COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

At the request of School Operations, we performed an audit of Project MPACT, a now }
defunct program of the school district. The audit examined the program's activities from }
the 2002-03 through the 2009-10 fiscal years while it was still active in the District. }
Although we completed our audit fieldwork in August 2010, the issuance of our audit }
report was delayed pursuant to a communication from the former Chief of Police of the }
Miami-Dade County Schools Police Department, that was confirmed by the State }
Attorney's Office, which initiated joint criminal investigations of Project MPACT while }
our audit fieldwork was in progress. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Inspector }
General had also initiated a concurrent investigation of Project MPACT. On May 15, }
2013, the Acting Chief of Schools Police officially informed us that the three }
investigative agencies had closed out their investigations and we were able to issue our }
report.

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Our audit disclosed numerous instances of material weaknesses, misfeasance, lax }
management practices, apparent conflicts of interest, waste, abuse and a small case of }
payroll fraud. We also noted several instances of non-compliance with grant }
requirements. The administration has provided appropriate responses to our }
recommendations and is further reviewing possible courses of action to address the }
issues noted in our report.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee reviewed this report at its }
June 25, 2013, meeting and recommended transmitting it to the School Board.

Copies of this report were distributed and 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 Miami Partnership for Action in Communities Taskforce }
(Project MPACT).

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Dear Sir/Madam,
I am writing to you regarding the application for the position of
Research Assistant in the Department of Political Science. I have
been very interested in your department and the work that you
are doing. I believe that my background and skills are a good
fit for the position. I have a B.A. in Political Science from
the University of Chicago and I have worked as a Research
Assistant for the past two years. I have a strong interest in
international relations and I would like to continue my
research in this area. I am confident that I can contribute
to your department and I would be happy to discuss my
application further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I have attached a copy of my resume and a letter of
reference from my former supervisor. I would be happy to
provide any additional information that you may need. I
am available for an interview at any time and I would
be happy to meet with you in person or over the phone.
Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
[Name]

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