Office of Superintendent of Schools May 9, 2018
Board Meeting of May 16, 2018

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**SUBJECT:** **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – AUDIT OF DESIGNATED ELEMENTS OF SELECTED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

**COMMITTEE:** **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT:** **EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

In November 2012, the voters of Miami-Dade County, Florida, passed a $1.2 billion General Obligation Bond (GOB) referendum to fund Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) modernization and renovation capital construction initiative. As part of the District's audit plan, an audit was conducted of a sample of 10 projects. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether adequate internal controls and safeguards were in place over GOB construction projects through the evaluation of certain elements of the award, design, and construction processes for the selected projects. The scope of our audit covered construction projects that were either completed or substantially completed by the OSF during FY's 2013 through 2016.

While the Office of School Facilities (OSF) has a comprehensive, well-designed, and functioning process for selecting and awarding primary contracts for construction, our audit noted areas that need to be improved such as updating policies and procedures used for managing projects, improving internal controls over the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) development process, clarifying School Board Policy 6320.02, and ensuring appropriate that documentation for the "Final Walk-Through/End of Warranty" activities are on file.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee reviewed this report at its May 8, 2018, meeting and recommended transmitting it to the School Board.

Copies of this report was 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.

REVISED

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Internal Audit Report – Audit of Designated Elements of Selected Construction Projects.

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