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**SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY METHODS, APRIL 2003, PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS**

In accordance with the Audit Plan for the 2002-03 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Compliance Audits has performed a review of the construction delivery methods used by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The review covered major construction projects substantially completed between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 2002. The objectives of the review were to identify the different construction project delivery methods used by M-DCPS for major projects, and to determine which of the methods proved to be more effective, frugal, and manageable.

The review concluded that the process over construction delivery methods is in compliance with applicable policies, procedures, School Board Rules, and Florida Statutes. Additionally, it was determined that the District's median construction costs are comparable to the national school construction cost medians ranges; however, significant weaknesses were noted in other areas and are detailed in the review. Administrative responses were provided by the Office of Facilities Operations, Maintenance and Planning.

In accordance with the procedures for the Office of Management and Compliance Audits, the Internal Audit Report – Review of Construction Delivery Methods, April 2003 is submitted to the School Board. The School Board Audit Committee reviewed the audit report at its May 6, 2003 meeting and will submit its recommendations to the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools by June 11, 2003.

Copies of this report will be distributed to Board Members, the Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate district staff and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Internal Audit Report – Review of Construction Delivery Methods, April 2003, presented by the Office of Management and Compliance Audits.