Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of April 22, 2009

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION-MAKING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Periodically the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) concludes investigations and prepares written reports which are then forwarded to the School Board members. These reports contain a synopsis of the investigation along with conclusion(s) and recommendation(s). While these reports serve to bring to light instances of fraud, waste and wrongdoing, the process leaves little room for the Board to conduct an open discussion and ask questions relevant to these investigations and the IG's recommendations.

In contrast, reports of audit conducted by the Office of Management and Compliance Audits are first reviewed by the Audit Committee and then formally presented to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting, at which time the Board and the community have ample opportunity to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussions.

This item proposes that the OIG formally present the reports to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting following the preparation of the report(s), after a review by the Ethics Committee, along with any recommendations and/or comments the committee may have.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the OIG to forward completed reports of concluded investigations to the Ethics Committee for review/discussion at their next meeting and that the reports be formally presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting along with any recommendations and/or comments by the Ethics Committee.