

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of June 15, 2011

June 6, 2011

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: PROVISION INSPECTOR GENERAL SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") was entered into between our School Board and Miami-Dade County on December 18, 2007, and was extended until December 18, 2013. The ILA allows the Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") to provide its services to the School Board at established hourly rates. However, due to differences in budgetary practices between the School Board and the County, it may no longer be feasible to continue this model of delivering OIG services.

Just as we cannot operate efficiently without competent teachers and administrators, we must have an independent body to address the void left by other investigative units in the district which are not fully independent. The OIG is vital to the mission of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and its commitment to serve the community. The OIG must be free to investigate and prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement at ALL levels.

This District is fortunate to have very respected and capable community professionals serve on the Audit Committee and Ethics Advisory Committee. These individuals offer their considerable expertise to us for free. This item proposes that the Superintendent consider the issue of the OIG and offer their recommendations to the School Board regarding, structure, independence, and cost, within the budget timeline for the 2011-12 budget approval process.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent, with input from the Audit Committee and the Ethics Advisory Committee, to provide recommendations to the Board regarding the structure, independence and cost for the District's Inspector General services.

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(Withdrawn – 06/10/2011)