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SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICES
                NETWORK AND INFORMATION SECURITY – OFFICE OF THE
                CONTROLLER

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

We have completed an Information Technology (IT) audit within the Office of the
Controller and its direct reports (Payroll, Accounts Payable, and General Accounting) to
assess network security and evaluate controls and standard mechanisms in place to
protect critical systems and data. This is the third in a series of reports that address
information and network security practices at District offices.

Our audit concludes that while general measures for compliance with the Miami-Dade
County Public Schools Network Security Standards are in place, increasing central
office standardization efforts and proactive reviews could improve network availability
and the security of business data. Moreover, some of the findings reported in this series
of reports indicate that Information Technology (IT) concerns need to be explored and
addressed district-wide. Specifically, the recommendations presented should not only
be considered for implementation in the Controller's office, but should be used as a
catalyst for all district central offices to assess their IT security status.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee reviewed this report at its
March 6, 2012, 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 Internal Audit Report – District Central Offices Network and
                Information Security – Office of the Controller.

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