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SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT- SELECTED SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

This report includes the audit results of 46 schools currently reporting to School Operations and the Educational Transformation Office. At five of the 46 schools, there was a change of principal since the prior audit. The audit period for 42 of the 46 schools is two fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, while the audit period for the remaining four schools is one fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Our audits disclosed that the financial statements of all 46 schools reported herein were fairly stated and we found general compliance with prescribed policies and procedures at 41 of 46 schools. Property inventory results for those schools reported herein were satisfactory and losses were minimal.

At five of the 46 schools, controls over the bookkeeping function, the procedures for receipting and disbursing funds, and the handling of refunds associated with Title I school activities needed improvement. At two of these five schools, the school principal reported and we corroborated misappropriation of funds and the withholding of cash collections for a lengthy period. School Board administration handled both cases administratively and the treasurers resigned in lieu of dismissal. Furthermore, the State Attorney's Office is considering criminal charges against one of the treasurers. At one other school (where we cited bookkeeping deficiencies), the treasurer resigned from her position during the audit.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee reviewed this report at its September 11, 2012, meeting and recommended transmitting it to the School Board.

Copies of this report were previously 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 – Selected Schools.