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SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – AUDIT OF THE DISTRICT’S READINESS AND CAPABILITIES IN THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LARGE-SCALE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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This audit was conducted pursuant to Good Cause School Board Agenda item H-14 Revised that was approved at the School Board meeting of September 9, 2020. It was responsive to the District’s acquisition/implementation of the K12 technology platform/curriculum and the related problematic opening of the 2020-2021 school year the week of August 31, 2020. The objective of the audit was to determine the District’s readiness and capabilities in the acquisition and implementation of a large-scale instructional technology platform.

This audit resulted in four findings and corresponding recommendations which draw conclusions about the acquisition and implementation of the K12 technology platform in use during the first two weeks of the 2020-2021 school year. In addition, this audit recognizes the significant rise in cybersecurity activities and related technology issues both globally and locally; as well as a trend of enhanced corporate governance for technology in both the private and public sectors through the establishment of board-level technology advisory committees.

Management’s responses to our findings and recommendations are included in the report.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee will review this report at its March 9, 2021, meeting to consider its transmission to the School Board.

Copies of this report will be distributed and placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

The report may be accessed at:

http://mca.dadeschools.net/AuditCommittee/AC_March_9_2021/Item5.pdf

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Internal Audit Report – Audit of the District’s Readiness and Capabilities in the Acquisition and Implementation of a Large-Scale Instructional Technology Platform.