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**SUBJECT: STATE OF FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT -  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT  
PROGRAMS, REPORT NO. 2023-026, SEPTEMBER 2022**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES**

The State of Florida Auditor General (AG) conducted an operational audit issued September 2022, and reported their findings regarding the administration of various Florida scholarship and student assistance grant programs for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The various state educational institutions included the public universities and colleges, and district school boards. The audit report contained four findings, of which only one finding involved Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

The only portion of this audit applicable to M-DCPS was the audit of the Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program (FSAG – Career Ed Program) that reflected there was not always compliance with State law and FDOE policies regarding the required timely submissions to the FDOE of Disbursement Enrollment Reports or certain grade and hours reports. Procedural difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic were a primary reason for the delayed submittal of the records.

The District agreed with the finding and to enhance procedures, and conduct periodic trainings and meetings with financial aid officers at the seven technical colleges to ensure compliance, timely submission of the reports, and continued award eligibility.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee will review this report at its December 5, 2022, 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:**

[https://mca.dadeschools.net/AuditCommittee/AC\\_December\\_5\\_2022/Item11.pdf](https://mca.dadeschools.net/AuditCommittee/AC_December_5_2022/Item11.pdf)

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida receive and file the State of Florida Auditor General Report – Administration of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and Student Assistance Grant Programs, Report No. 2023-026, September 2022.