STATE OF FLORIDA
AUDITOR GENERAL
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Summary

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Report Title: St. Lucie County District School Board – Financial, Operational, and Federal Single Audit

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Summary of Report on Financial Statements

Our audit disclosed that the District's basic financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with prescribed financial reporting standards.

Summary of Report on Internal Control and Compliance

We noted a certain matter involving the District's internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a significant deficiency as summarized below. However, this significant deficiency is not considered to be a material weakness.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

Finding No. 1: Financial reporting procedures could be improved to ensure that account balances and transactions are properly reported on the financial statements.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; however, we noted certain additional matters as summarized below.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Finding No. 2: Controls over electronic funds transfers could be enhanced.

Finding No. 3: Controls over the purchasing card program could be strengthened.

Finding No. 4: The District did not timely obtain required background screenings for certain noninstructional contractor employees.

Finding No. 5: District records did not always evidence that sales surtax proceeds were used consistent with restrictions governing these proceeds.

Finding No. 6: Controls over terminal leave payments needed enhancement.

Finding No. 7: The Superintendent's employment agreement included a severance pay provision that was contrary to Section 215.425(4)(a), Florida Statutes.

Finding No. 8: Controls over facilities construction and maintenance activities could be enhanced.

Finding No. 9: Some inappropriate or unnecessary information technology (IT) access privileges existed, indicating a need for improved District review of user access privileges.

Finding No. 10: District procedures needed improvement with regard to documenting, monitoring, and deactivating IT network access privileges.

Finding No. 11: Certain District IT security controls related to user authentication, data loss prevention, and monitoring of database activity needed improvement.

Finding No. 12: The District had not developed a written IT security incident response plan and had not made provisions for a team trained in incident response.

Summary of Report on Federal Awards

We audited the District's Federal awards for compliance with applicable Federal requirements. The Special Education Cluster, Improving Teacher Quality, and Race-to-the-Top programs were audited as major Federal programs. The results of our audit indicated that the District materially complied with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs. However, we did note a noncompliance and control deficiency finding as summarized below.

Federal Awards Finding No. 1: The District's local fiscal effort for the Special Education Program services decreased from the 2010-11 fiscal year to the 2011-12 fiscal year, resulting in a maintenance of effort shortfall of $267,432.

Audit Objectives and Scope

Our audit objectives were to determine whether the St. Lucie County District School Board and its officers with administrative and stewardship responsibilities for District operations had:

- Presented the District's basic financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- Established and implemented internal control over financial reporting and compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on a major Federal program;
- Established internal controls that promote and encourage: 1) compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; 2) the economic and efficient operation of the District; 3) the reliability of records and reports; and 4) the safeguarding of District assets;
- Complied with the various provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that are material to the financial statements, and those applicable to the District's major Federal programs; and
- Taken corrective actions for findings included in previous audit reports.

The scope of this audit included an examination of the District's basic financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. We obtained an understanding of the District's environment, including its internal control, and assessed the risk of material misstatement necessary to plan the audit of the basic financial statements and Federal awards. We also examined various transactions to determine whether they were executed, both in manner and substance, in accordance with governing provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Audit Methodology

The methodology used to develop the findings in this report included the examination of pertinent District records in connection with the application of procedures required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

Management's response is included in the audit report as Exhibit A.