

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE FCPS OPERATIONAL EXPECTATION MONITORING REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008

Function: Accountability and Audit

Overall Operational Expectation: The Superintendent will maintain a system of continuous improvement that tracks, measures, and evaluates FCPS effectiveness in realizing student achievement and business processes, including both benefits and costs, in a timely manner.

1. Establish a multi-year plan for program evaluation that identifies evaluation criteria and the relationship to student achievement goals. New program proposals shall include an evaluation plan that assures its evaluation within the first three years. All evaluations should recommend whether a program should be continued, modified, or discontinued based on its effectiveness and cost.

Highlights – Evidence of Compliance:

- Developed and piloted the following evaluation criteria to identify programs for evaluation in 2008-09:
 - Relationship to School Board Student Achievement Goals;
 - Scope of the program;
 - Cost; and,
 - Extent to which further information about the program is needed.
- Revised the [Multi-Year Plan \(Schedule\) for Program Evaluation](#) to assure a three-year evaluation process and schedule through 2012-13 for programs recommended by the Superintendent.
- Completed four Exploratory Evaluations (see the [Summary Exploratory Evaluations Report](#) – SEER).
- Completed four [Evaluation Designs](#) for programs entering Comprehensive Evaluation in 2008-09.
- Completed four final comprehensive evaluation reports, including detailed recommendations about continuation.
- Completed a draft of the evaluation manual: [Designing Program Evaluations in FCPS: Procedural Manual](#).
- Completed [Procedures for Building Costs into Program Evaluations](#) .

2. Conduct a regular fiscal and performance audit of business functions.

Highlights –Evidence of Compliance:

- Audit committee members were appointed at the January 10, 2008, regular School Board Meeting. The responsibilities of the committee, and its relationship with the Internal Audit Office, are described in the [Internal Audit Charter](#), Regulation 1420.1, effective 10-03-06.
- The Audit Committee approved the [Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Audit Plan](#) on June 19, 2008. The plan was approved by the School Board on July 24, 2008.
- The [Quarterly Status Report](#) of fiscal year 2008 audit projects was presented to the Audit Committee on July 24, 2008.

3. Provide public access to audit results.

Highlights –Evidence of Compliance:

- Audit reports are posted to the Internal Audit [web site](#) approximately two weeks following issuance to the Audit Committee. In addition, all past audit reports have been posted.
- The day a report is posted to the Internal Audit web site, an announcement is made on the FCPS public web site under “New Today,” indicating report availability and a brief statement regarding the audit coverage.