

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE FCPS OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS MONITORING REPORT

Function: Accountability and Audit

Operational Expectation: maintain a system that tracks, measures, and evaluates FCPS effectiveness in realizing student achievement and business processes, including both benefits and costs, in a timely manner

1. Evaluate all new programs and any identified by the Audit Committee and/or the School Board. That evaluation should recommend whether a program should be continued, modified, or discontinued based its effectiveness and cost.

Highlights –Evidence of Compliance:

- ◆ Program identification process proposed (Attachment 1)
- ◆ “Box Score” program rating method tested (Attachments 2 and 3)

2. Cultivate an environment committed to continuous improvement.

Highlights –Evidence of Compliance:

- ◆ DA supported approximately 35 FCPS programs’ use of PDSA-based continuous improvement approach to conduct FY07QPAS Reviews
- ◆ Used PDSA to begin developing action plan to encourage/support divisionwide continuous improvement
- ◆ School planning support incorporates continuous improvement approach
- ◆ DA provided resources, tools and technical support for student-focused continuous improvement
- ◆ Currently aiding Middle School Principal’s Association planning for Baldrige-based continuous improvement training for approximately 50 principals, directors of student services, and selected central office staff
- ◆ Sponsored series of Baldrige training seminars for about 120 principals, school planning staffs, and cluster and key central office personnel
- ◆ Completed 4 APQC benchmarking studies providing metrics and best practice models for improvement

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

Highlights –Evidence of Compliance:

- ◆ Audit committee members were appointed at the July 27, 2006 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. (see regulation Attachment 4)
- ◆ The Audit Committee approved the fiscal year 2007 audit plan on July 13, 2006. The plan was approved by the School Board on July 27, 2006. (see audit plan Attachment 5)
- ◆ The status of fiscal year 2007 audit projects was presented to the Audit Committee on December 15, 2006. (see status report Attachment 6)

4. 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. (see copy of posted reports Attachment 7)
- ♦ The day a report is posted to the Internal Audit website, an announcement is made on the FCPS public website under “New Today,” indicating report availability and a brief statement regarding the audit coverage