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April 25, 2014

MaryEllen Elia, Superintendent  
Hillsborough County School District  
901 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Superintendent Elia:

This letter is to inform you of findings of noncompliance related to Hillsborough County School District's 2013–14 exceptional student education self-assessment monitoring process, including validation by bureau staff and reassessment by the district. Records were reviewed for Secondary Transition and Department of Juvenile Justice. Findings of noncompliance were identified for both areas. Two prongs of correction are required: student-specific correction and demonstration of 100 percent compliance. Your district has completed both prongs of correction and no further corrective actions are required.

In addition to the self-assessment referenced above, a Matrix of Services review was required. Hillsborough County School District was required to review eleven matrices for students reported at the 254 or 255 cost factors for weighted funding through the Florida Education Finance Program. Cost factor discrepancies were found in two of those records. Verification of correction was submitted by your school district.

The following is a summary of the school district's timely correction of student-specific findings of noncompliance.

### Noncompliance by Student

	Number of Items	Percentage
Total Items Assessed	825	--
Noncompliant	10	1.2%
Timely Corrected	10	100%

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Results of districts' self-assessments may be used to inform general supervision activities, including the selection of districts for on-site monitoring and the local educational agency determinations required under section 300.603, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations.

We understand that the implementation of this self-assessment requires a significant commitment of resources, and we appreciate the time and attention your staff has devoted to the process. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact your district liaison for monitoring or Patricia Howell, program director, at 850-245-0476 or via email at [patricia.howell@fldoe.org](mailto:patricia.howell@fldoe.org).

Sincerely,



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