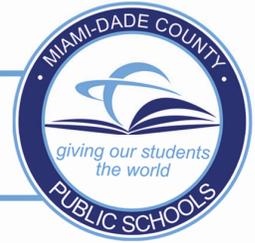




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From:  Christopher Mazzella
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Subject: 2010-2011 Annual Report

Date: November 2, 2011

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the SB with the OIG's Annual Report for fiscal year 2010-2011. As you may be aware, under the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the School Board and Miami-Dade County, the SB OIG is required to submit an annual report covering its activities for the previous fiscal year. Background information about the OIG and its functions, including its historical development at the School Board, can be accessed by reviewing previous annual reports that are available for viewing on our website at www.miamidadeig.org.

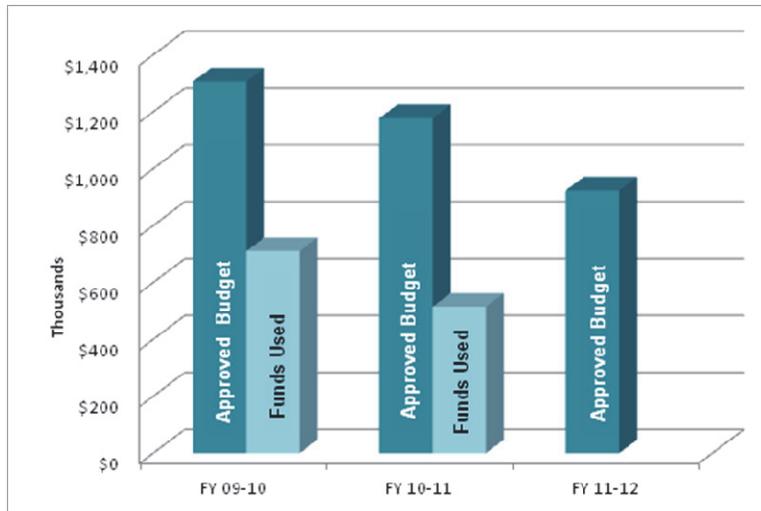
BUDGET

To fund its activities for fiscal year 2010-2011, the School Board approved a budget of almost \$1.2 million. This amount represented a decrease of 10% from the OIG's budget of \$1.3 million for fiscal year 2009-2010.¹ The approved budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 provided for a staff of nine full-time and part-time employees. Additionally, this budget supported Miami-Dade County resources used on a reimbursable basis to assist the SB OIG in its oversight of School Board operations. For the fiscal year 2010-2011, the OIG only expended \$515,066 (or 43%) of its \$1.2 million budget.

The budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 is \$923,874, a decrease of more than 21% from the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget.

¹ The OIG only used 55% of its \$1.3 million budget in fiscal year 2009-2010.

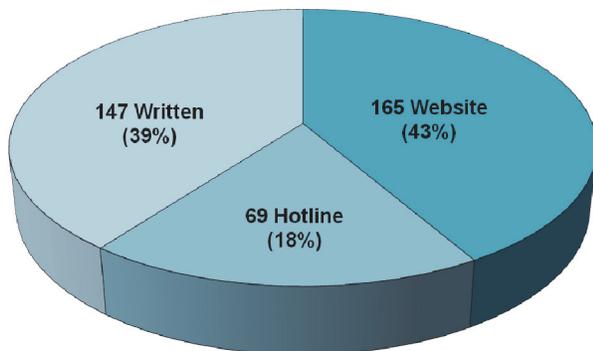
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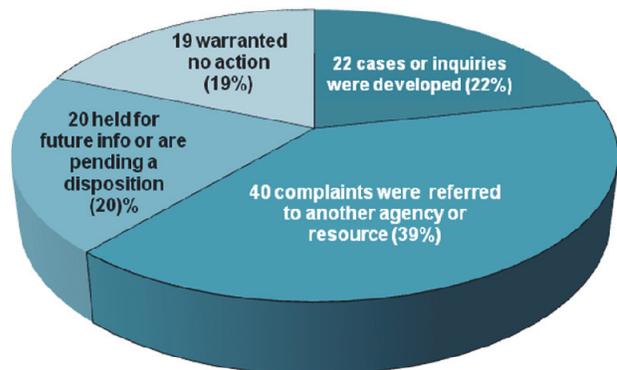
COMPLAINTS

The ILA designates the SB OIG as the principal clearinghouse to receive and investigate Florida Whistleblower Act disclosures made by employees of the school district, as well as by members of the public. For the most part, complaints involve allegations of fraud, waste, and mismanagement. Since its inception in December 2007, the SB OIG has received 381 complaints. During the 2010-2011 fiscal year complainants registered 101 complaints. Of these, 48 were made on our website, 13 through our fraud hot line, and 41 were by mail or by fax.

381 Complaints Taken Since Inception of SB OIG Office



Disposition of the 101 Complaints in FY 2010-2011



Referrals were made on 40% of the complaints to external agencies or to the school's administration for resolution. Some complaints remain under review or are pending additional information and/or resources (20%). Leads from 22% of the complaints resulted in the initiation of inquiries and investigations. The remaining 19% of the complaints received warranted no action due to various reasons, such as a lack of sufficient detail provided or that the matter was not within the OIG's jurisdiction.

ACTIVITIES

Through the end of fiscal year 2010-2011, OIG audits and investigations have resulted in over \$1.8 million in recoveries and/or savings, 4 arrests, and the prosecution of an M-DCPS vendor. During this past fiscal year, the OIG has concluded several investigations in which we detected instances of employee abuse, procurement irregularities, and criminal misconduct by school district employees and vendors. Reports concerning these cases can be found on our website.

The OIG is also assisting the School's Police Department in its efforts to seek accreditation from the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). Accreditation ensures that law enforcement agencies meet specific requirements and uphold the highest professional standards. The benefits derived from obtaining accreditation are numerous and will assist the community, the agency and its officers for years to come.

The initial phase of this assistance included a review of the Police Department's current policies and procedures to assess whether they meet the requirements of the CFA's standards. Based upon this review, the School's Police Department was given guidance on how to improve its written policies and procedures. Once the Department completes the rewriting of its procedures, the OIG will once again meet with the Police Department's accreditation team to assist in preparing for the next phase of the process.

I hope this report assists you in assessing our performance and I appreciate the support the School Board has provided to the Office of the Inspector General.