MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida
Members of the School Board Audit Committee
Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Jose F. Montes de Oca, Chief Auditor
Office of Management and Compliance Audits

SUBJECT: AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATIONS

Attached are the communications that our office received from Mr. Robert Schomber and Mr. Nick Tootle to inform us of their resignation from the Audit Committee. Mr. Schomber was associated with the Committee for over 30 years and served various terms as the Chair. Mr. Tootle joined the Committee as member almost four years ago.

Our heartfelt thanks go to them for their service and commitment to this Committee, as well as our appreciation for their praise and wishes of goodwill toward the school system.

We equally wish them continued success.

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From: Schomber, Bob [Bob.Schomber@fpl.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 10:02 AM

To: Karp, Martin

Cc: Montes-de-oca, Jose F.; Thornburg, Frederick F.; Distric2@dadeschools.net; Barrera, Agustin J.; Diaz Delaportilla, Renier D.; LFldman@dadeschools.net; Holloway, Wilbert T.; Logan, Ana; District 8 Board Member; magcpa45@aol.com; ppp@dcps.com; wkemp@fmuniv.edu; plaponowicz@shutts.com; wlobos@cityofhomestead.com; mcghee@mcgheelc.net; ntootle@kaufmanrossin.com; Hantman, Perla Tabares; Blumstein, Jerold; Carvalho, Alberto M.

Subject: Resignation From The School Board Audit Committee

Dear Dr. Karp,

It is with considerable sadness that I submit my resignation from the School Board Audit Committee. As you know I am "retired" from FPL however my recent consulting engagements for them, and those in the foreseeable future, are placing significant demands on my time. This has and will continue to cause me to miss several Audit Committee meetings, a situation that I regard as unfair to you, my associates on the Audit Committee, our Superintendent and your peers on the school board.

I'm not sure that you are aware that I volunteered for this work as a "founding member" of the committee in 1976 - 34 years ago, and served as Chairman three times. My initial and continuing motivation was the hope that through such work I could perhaps "give back" a little in appreciation for the stellar work that your staff did in educating our children. Our oldest is a highly successful lawyer in town, and our youngest who is autistic, grew from a child we were told to institutionalize, to graduate in the top 10% of his class and become a happy 23 year employee of the University of Miami. Although it has nothing to do with the Audit Committee, you should be aware that my wife is similarly grateful, and for about 20 years during the last few years of his education and subsequently, she volunteered with the Superintendent's Advisory Committee for Exceptional Student Education, and as an advocate assisting others with the appropriate placement of their children.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this service has been interfacing with the high caliber of folks our board has recruited for this work in recent years. I truly believe you are in "good hands" for the future, and I particularly congratulate Buck on his innovative thinking and his leadership in expanding the committee's responsibility. When chatting on the phone with Jose he jokingly suggested and I agreed, that if my situation should change, and I still felt I could actively contribute in the future, I would get in touch.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve; thank you for your appointment and for your active support.

Best Regards,

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July 20, 2010

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman
Vice Chair of Miami-Dade County School Board
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
1450 NE Second Avenue
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Ms. Hantman,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my intent to step down from the audit committee of the Miami-Dade County School Board. It has been a pleasure to work with you, the other members of the audit committee, the school's management and the board. When I accepted the appointment in September 2006, I had no idea what a professional and caring group of people I would be working with. I have truly enjoyed my time as an audit committee member, but am finding commitments in my personal and professional life are not allowing me to be able to commit the time necessary to continue.

I wish nothing but the best for all those involved in the school system. Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

NPT

Nick P. Tootle, CPA

CC: Audit Committee Members
Mr. Jose F. Montes de Oca