



SLPS Audit Update

October 9, 2013



Overview

- The State Auditor will return in about 90 days for a follow-up report
- An district audit team is meeting weekly to report on progress for each action item
- The district is committed to addressing all items in a timely manner
- Progress will be updated at each SAB meeting and posted on the district website after the meeting
- A public comments section has been added to the district website and we welcome any comments or suggestions from the public



Key Actions Taken

Financial Condition

- The district met with a representative of the Deseg Committee as they evaluate programs in anticipation of future program consideration.

Student Promotion and Retention

- The district developed a plan to test all students grades 1–8 this Fall to determine reading levels and to develop Individual Academic Plans for those students who are not reading at least one level below grade level. The district will provide professional development for principals on this process on October 24, 2013.

Educational Programs

- The district has updated the list of active programs and is currently in the process of updating all policies with regard to program evaluation. The district will then evaluate programs per the updated policies.
- A plan template has been selected that is aligned with Title I requirements and DESE's expectations for district plans for provisionally accredited school districts and the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan is in the process of being developed.



Key Actions Taken

MAP Testing

- The district is in the process of evaluating what other districts do to investigate unusual test occurrences and will provide to appropriate agencies.

Purchasing Policies and Procedures

- The Purchasing Policy has been updated and will be brought forward to the SAB on October 24, 2013 for approval on November 14, 2013.

Contracts and Disbursements

- The district is in the process of doing a cost analysis of its legal services to evaluate cost of moving services in-house vs. outsourcing.
- The IRS issues have been addressed with regard to hiring employees and travel allowances.
- The district is in the process of reviewing and updating procedures related to contracts.



Key Actions Taken

Closed Session and Committee Meeting Minutes

- The district is compliance with the Sunshine Laws regarding closed session and board committees.

Henry Elementary Follow-up

- The district has sent a letter to DESE to seek guidance on how to effectively address the Henry attendance issues from 2010-11.

Audit Functions

- The district has developed new monthly financial reports and will begin distributing them in November 2013.
- An analysis and RFP process is being conducted for the district's Finance, HR and Payroll system and a recommendation will be brought forward to the SAB.
- The Internal Auditor position has been posted on the district website and applications are being received.