



# SLPS Audit Update

October 24, 2013



# Overview

- The State Auditor will return in about 90 days for a follow-up report
- A 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 is being 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 Since Oct 9 Update

## **Financial Condition**

- No further actions.

## **Student Promotion and Retention**

- The district has conducted reading assessments for students grades 1–8 to determine reading levels. Individual Academic Plans are being developed for those students who are not reading at least one level below grade level. The district provided professional development for principals on this process today, 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.
- The district is in the process of developing a new Comprehensive District Improvement Plan.



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## **MAP Testing**

- The district sent a survey to SLARA (St. Louis Assessment Resource Association) and has received responses from 47 individuals (from 30 districts). Most districts review test results and drill down after results are received. No districts reported a method for conducting investigations. The district will put a proactive process in place to identify and review unusual testing occurrences similar to the process mentioned by other districts.

## **Purchasing Policies and Procedures**

- The district has reviewed the current policies and does not see the need to update them at this time. The district will focus instead on updating the purchasing procedures and training personnel on the existing policies and updated procedures.

## **Contracts and Disbursements**

- The cost analysis for legal services is in process.
- The district contacted CSD, MSBA and CGCS for any information they might have related to the pros/cons and cost analysis of outsourcing legal services vs. in-house. CSD provided survey data for the St Louis area. CGCS or MSBA had no information on this topic.
- The district is in the process of reviewing and updating procedures related to contracts as it updates it's purchasing procedures.



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### **Closed Session and Committee Meeting Minutes**

- No further actions.

### **Henry Elementary Follow-up**

- Per DESE's recommendation, the district is attempting to quantify the cost related to attendance discrepancies at Henry and will reimburse the State of Missouri for that cost. A board resolution has been brought to the SAB for approval on November 14, 2013.

### **Audit Functions**

- An analysis and RFP process has been conducted for the district's Finance, HR and Payroll system and a recommendation is being brought forward to the SAB for approval at the November 14 meeting.
- The Internal Auditor position has been posted on the district website and applications are being received.