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Re: October 24, 2022, Letter Regarding Broward Office of Inspector General Investigating Cases from The School Board of Broward County

Dear Ms. Batista:

In your October 24, 2022, letter to Mayor Udine, you inquired about Broward County's willingness to expand the duties of the Broward Office of Inspector General ("OIG") to allow it to investigate cases from The School Board of Broward County ("SBBC"). During the County Commission's discussion on October 25, 2022, Mayor Udine directed me to respond to you following the General Election to determine whether the SBBC (with the newly elected members) was still interested in this inquiry.

Under Section 10.01 of the Broward County Charter, the OIG has jurisdiction to investigate officials and employees of Broward County or municipalities within Broward County, or entities providing goods or services to the County or a municipality (but solely with respect to such provision of goods or services). To expand the jurisdiction of the OIG, a Charter amendment would be required. In addition to that Charter amendment, we would recommend the SBBC formally agree and consent to be subject to OIG jurisdiction through an interlocal agreement.

If the SBBC is interested in pursuing the expansion of OIG jurisdiction in this manner, please advise and a discussion item will be placed on an upcoming County Commission agenda. We would also alert the OIG to that item.

Please feel free to contact me at (954) 357-7601 or ameyers@broward.org should you wish to further discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Meyers

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