

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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April 11, 2023

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Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee
Chancellor
District of Columbia Public Schools
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Washington, D.C. 20002


Dear Chief Financial Officer Lee and Chancellor Ferebee:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct an audit of Special Education Attorney Payments. The objective of this engagement is to determine the accuracy of payments made by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for attorneys in special education cases brought under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in the District. We will conduct this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, and pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-301.115a(a)(3)(J)(Supp. 2023), which requires the OIG to conduct an audit of these payments.

This audit was included in the *Fiscal Year 2023 Audit and Inspection Plan* and will be conducted under project code OIG No. 23-1-04MA. Please reference this project code in any correspondence regarding this audit. Preliminary audit fieldwork will begin on or around April 10, 2023.

Richard Sahadeo, Jr., Audit Director, will coordinate an entrance conference to discuss the audit process and objectives, and any questions you may have. Should questions arise in the interim, please contact Fekede Gindaba, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at 202-727-9770.

Sincerely,


[Daniel Lucas \(Apr 11, 2023 15:55 EDT\)](#)

Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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cc: The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia, Attention: Betsy Cavendish

Mr. Kevin Donahue, City Administrator for the District of Columbia, Office of the City
Administrator
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson, Committee on Business and Economic
Development, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Anita Bonds, Chairperson, Committee on Executive Administration and Labor,
Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Kathy Patterson, District of Columbia Auditor, Office of the D.C. Auditor