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Subject: **Evaluation of Measures to Combat Gun Violence in Schools | 24-E-01-GA0**

Dear Director Hunter, Chancellor Ferebee, and Chief Smith:

The Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Inspections and Evaluations (I&E) Unit will soon start an evaluation of the District's measures to combat gun violence in schools, under project number 24-E-01-GA0, as an ongoing initiative in the OIG's *Fiscal Year 2024 Audit and Inspection Plan*.¹ The objective of this evaluation is to assess the effectiveness of gun violence prevention activities within DC public schools.

I&E projects are conducted under the Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation promulgated by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. As a matter of standard practice, our inspections and evaluations pay particular attention to the quality of internal controls.²

¹ Available at <http://oig.dc.gov>.

² "Internal control" is defined by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) as comprising "the plans, methods, policies, and procedures used to fulfill the mission, strategic plan, goals, and objectives of the entity" and is "not one event, but a series of actions that occur throughout an entity's operations." Furthermore, internal control is a process that provides "reasonable assurance . . . that an entity's objectives will be achieved[.]" "serves as the first line of defense in safeguarding assets," and is an "integral part of the operational processes management uses to guide its operations. . . . U.S. Gov't ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, STANDARDS FOR INTERNAL CONTROL IN THE FEDERAL GOV'T 5-6, GAO-I 4-704G (2014).

Please provide the name, telephone number, and email address of the person who will serve as your agency's point of contact (POC) for this evaluation to Yulanda Gaither, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, no later than November 3, 2023. Ms. Gaither will coordinate with your identified POC to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, she can be reached at (202) 727-9029 or yulanda.gaither@dc.gov.

We will contact any other relevant agencies directly, as needed, to request additional information and schedule interviews.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and I look forward to working with your offices in our joint efforts to improve the quality of services provided to the District and its residents.

Sincerely,



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Inspector General

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