

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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District of Columbia Public Schools
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Dear Interim Chief Financial Officer Lee and Chancellor Ferebee:

The purpose of 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. This audit is being conducted pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-301.115a (a) (3) (J) (Supp. 2018), which requires the OIG to conduct an audit of these payments. We will conduct this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

This audit is included in the *Fiscal Year 2021 Audit and Inspection Plan*, and will be conducted under project code OIG No. 21-1-26AT. Please reference this project code in correspondence involving this audit. Our preliminary audit fieldwork will begin on or about May 24, 2021.

Robert Binelli, Audit Director, will call to arrange an entrance conference to discuss the audit process and audit objectives, and to answer any questions you may have. Should you have questions in the interim, please contact me or Fekede Gindaba, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (202) 727-2540.

Sincerely,


Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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cc: Mr. Kevin Donahue, City Administrator, District of Columbia
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 Robert C. White, Jr., Committee on Government Operations and Facilities, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Kathy Patterson, D.C. Auditor, Office of the D.C. Auditor