



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

April 25, 2025

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Chief Financial Officer  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 203  
Washington, DC 20004

Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee  
Chancellor  
District of Columbia Public Schools  
1200 First Street NE, Suite 1230  
Washington, DC 20002

Subject: **FY2025 Audit of Special Education Attorney Certifications**  
**OIG No. 25-1-10MA**

Dear Chief Financial Officer Lee and Chancellor Ferebee:

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-301.115a(a)(3)(J)(2023), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is launching an audit of Special Education Attorney Certifications, conducted under [generally accepted government auditing standards](#).

Our objective is to determine the accuracy of certifications made to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. These certifications pertain to special education cases brought in the District under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (20 USC § 1400, *et seq.*) Our preliminary fieldwork will begin on or about April 28, 2025.

This audit (project number 25-1-10MA) is part of our [Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and Inspection Plan](#). Audit Director Richard Sahadeo Jr. will schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit process and address any questions. Meanwhile, please direct any immediate concerns to me or Dr. Slemo Warigon, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (202) 792-5684.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DWL", is positioned above the printed name of the Inspector General.

Daniel W. Lucas  
Inspector General

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