## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

**Inspector General** 



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Jeffrey DeWitt Chief Financial Officer Office of the Chief Financial Officer The John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 203 Washington, D.C. 20004 Antwan Wilson Chancellor District of Columbia Public Schools 1200 First Street, N.E., Suite 1230 Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Chief Financial Officer DeWitt and Chancellor Wilson:

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 Certifications. This audit is being conducted pursuant to D.C. Code §1-301.115a(a)(3)(J) which requires the OIG to conduct an annual audit of these certifications. The overall objective of the audit is to determine the accuracy of certifications made to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer by attorneys in special education cases successfully brought under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act in the District. We will conduct this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS).

This audit was included in the *Fiscal Year 2018 Audit and Inspection Plan*, and will be conducted under project code OIG No. 18-1-18AT. Please reference this project code in correspondence involving this audit. Our preliminary audit fieldwork will begin on or about February 19, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Lucas Inspector General DWL/tda

- cc: Mr. Rashad M. Young, City Administrator, District of Columbia The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia The Honorable David Grosso, Chairperson, Committee on Education, Council of the District of Columbia The Honorable Jack Evans, Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Revenue, Council of the
  - District of Columbia
  - The Honorable Kathy Patterson, District of Columbia Auditor, Office of the D.C. Auditor