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September 21, 2009

Dr. Eric J. Smith
Commissioner of Education
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1514
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Commissioner Smith:

Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, requires the Inspector General to issue a six month follow-up of audits performed by the Auditor General and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

The attached six month response regarding report number 09-21 *More than 17% of Acceleration Courses Do Not Transfer for College Credit, Which Costs State Almost \$6 Million* issued by OPPAGA is for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at 245-9418.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed W. Jordan".

Ed W. Jordan

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Attachment

c: Florida Joint Legislative Auditing Committee
OPPAGA

ED W. JORDAN, CIG, CFE, CIA
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September 18, 2009

Mr. Edgar W. Jordan, Inspector General
Florida Department of Education
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is written in response to your request for a six-month follow-up to OPPAGA Report Number 09-21 entitled *More Than 17% of Acceleration Courses Do Not Transfer for College Credit, Which Costs State Almost \$6 Million*.

The OPPAGA report indicated that the most common reason for accelerated transfer credit problems was related to duplicate credit equivalencies for students who successfully completed both the AP English Language and Composition exam and the AP English Literature and Composition exam. This was true for students who earned a score of 3 on both exams, while students who earned a score of 4 on either exam were eligible to earn additional guaranteed credit. OPPAGA specifically recommended that the "Department of Education and the Board of Governors review the college course equivalencies for the AP English Language and Composition and AP English Literature and Composition examinations."

The Department of Education, through the work of the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), completed a thorough review of the *ACC Credit-By-Examination Equivalencies* and adopted revisions to the list on May 27, 2009, to ensure that institutions are granting credit for both AP English examinations. Subsequently, the revisions were adopted by the Board of Governors on June 18, 2009, and the State Board of Education on July 14, 2009. The effective date for the revised list was August 1, 2009. Therefore, the issue of duplicate credit has been resolved, as any student who submits scores of 3 or higher on both AP English examinations will be guaranteed a minimum of six college credit hours. The updated list is posted on the DOE Web site at <http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/pdf/ACC-CBE.pdf>.

Sincerely,

Heather R. Sherry

HRS/tlc

c: Dr. Frances Haithcock, Chancellor of K-12 Public Schools
Dr. Willis Holcombe, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

HEATHER R. SHERRY, PH.D.
Director, Office of Articulation

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