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Superintendent Lowery Requests Review of District's Financial Records

Wilmington, DE – Christina School District Superintendent Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. has worked with the Delaware Department of Education to assemble an independent team knowledgeable in Delaware school finance to review the District's financial records. Dr. Lowery explained that she has asked for this review so that she can gain a clear understanding of the District's finances as she begins the planning process for future years. Delaware law requires that school districts go through the State Department of Education when requesting permission for an outside audit.

Dr. Lowery spoke to Delaware Secretary of Education Valerie Woodruff on March 30, and Secretary Woodruff agreed to assist in assembling an independent financial review team to provide the review. The financial review will begin on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 and is expected to be completed in several days.

“As stated in my Professional Education Employment Contract, as the new superintendent to the Christina School District, I am granted the opportunity for a review of the District's financial records,” she said. “It is protocol for a new superintendent coming into a new district to request a financial review. This request was not made out of concern for anyone's actions, but as a matter of professional accountability and clarity as I take on the financial responsibilities for the District.”

Dr. Lowery, in collaboration with the attorney hired to facilitate her contract negotiation, asked for the financial review as a part of her contract negotiations.

“As we continue to improve our efforts to listen to the community at large, I want to ensure that everyone in the District has a sound, clear picture of all operational and financial systems so that the District can communicate with good faith,” she said.

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