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On October 10, 2013, February 20, 2014, March 18, 2014 and April 3, 2014 representatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) met with representatives of non-profit private schools to conduct meaningful consultation regarding the evaluation, identification, and needs of students with disabilities in private schools. In addition, on May 29, 2014, M-DCPS also met to consult with representatives of parents of parentally-placed private school students with disabilities (SWD). This letter is to inform administrators of the services that will be offered for the 2014-2015 school year.

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school districts have an obligation to provide eligible private school children an opportunity for equitable participation in the services that are made available. The regulations at 34 CFR§300.137(a) explicitly provide that there is no individual right to provide some or all of the special education and related services students would receive if enrolled in public schools. The District has determined that the following special education services will be offered to prekindergarten children with disabilities based on student eligibility, results of ongoing meaningful consultation, needs assessments, and available funds.

- Professional Development to Private School Teachers
- Parent Education Workshops on Positive Parenting Practices
- Assistive Technology Support by Prekindergarten Special Education District Staff. AT devices provided as needed.
- Resource Library Available to Private School Teachers and Parents
- Make and Take Workroom Available to Private School Teacher
- Consultation with Child's Private School Early Childhood Teacher

The school District desires to work collaboratively with private schools to meet the District's obligation to students with disabilities. Please visit our website at: <http://privateschoolsidea.dadeschools.net> for additional information. If you have any questions or require additional information related to the services to be provided, please contact my office at 305-271-5701.

Sincerely,

Alexandre Lopes, Instructional Supervisor  
Prekindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities

cc: Ms. Ava Goldman  
Ms. Liliana Salazar  
Ms. Rosalia F. Gallo