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## **Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments About the Palm Beach County School District Office of Inspector General**

**West Palm Beach** - A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive Wednesday, March 6, 2019, to examine all aspects of the Palm Beach County School District (PBCSD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) Investigations Section, including a review of policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Inspector General K. Lung Chiu announced today.

To be accredited, the PBCSD-OIG has to comply with approximately 38 standards. All of the standards are mandatory, such as requiring that investigative staff abide by a code of ethics; establishing and following procedures for the release of information to the public (in accordance with Florida Statutes, the Inspector General or designee, and other OIG staff); and adhering to strict guidelines when conducting internal investigations of agency or contracted provider employees. As part of the on-site assessment, District employees and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the CFA website at [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the PBCSD-OIG's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please submit via the website, letter to CFA at P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation assessment team will consist of a team leader and team members. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the District's OIG Office, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the District's OIG Office is to receive accredited status.

Accreditation of the PBCSD-OIG, if approved, will be for a three-year term. This will be the PBCSD-OIG's initial accreditation assessment.