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May 22, 2009

Ms. Virginia A. Jacko
President and Chief Executive Officer
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc.
601 S.W. 8th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Ms. Jacko:

On behalf of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), I would like to commend the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired for its numerous accomplishments throughout this school year as outlined in your report transmitted to Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools, on April 20, 2009. We appreciate your commitment to insuring that impoverished M-DCPS students can continue to receive comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses at no cost through the Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program. By offering vision screenings in collaboration with M-DCPS and other community partners, your efforts have proven instrumental in addressing the health and welfare of some of our neediest students and thereby promoting their academic success.

We look forward to working with the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and the Visually Impaired during the 2009-2010 school year in order to enhance services aimed at supporting all M-DCPS students. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ava G. Byrne, Assistant Superintendent
Professional Development and Educational Services

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cc: Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho
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