Internal Audit Unit MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Rockville, Maryland

November 9, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Kevin D. Yates, Principal

Damascus High School

From: Mary J. Bergstresser, Supervisor, Internal Audit Unit

Subject: Report on Audit of Independent Activity Funds for the Period

February 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021

Independent Activity Funds (IAFs) of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are established to promote the general welfare, education, and morale of students, as well as to finance the recognized extracurricular activities of the student body. School principals are the fiduciary agents for the IAFs charged with determining the manner in which funds are raised and expended for activities such as field trips, admission events, and fund-raisers. They are responsible for ensuring that the IAFs are administered in accordance with Board of Education policies and MCPS regulations and procedures.

The IAF audits are conducted regularly to evaluate compliance with policies, regulations, and procedures, and to review processes for continuous improvement. Generally accepted audit procedures guide the work of the auditors who examine samples of the IAF records and financial accounts selected from documentation of various activities to verify their accuracy, as well as to assess the effectiveness of financial control procedures. An IAF audit does not review every transaction or school activity but seeks to provide reasonable assurance that any significant errors or omissions in the financial records are detected.

At our October 27, 2021, virtual meeting with you; Mrs. Kerri L. Pitts, school business administrator; and Mrs. Sharon M. Weston, school financial specialist, we noted that in our report dated April 27, 2020, there were no conditions that required corrective action. Although we discussed and resolved a few minor matters, we are pleased to report that we again found no weaknesses that require your attention. Records compiled and maintained were orderly and in compliance with MCPS requirements which contributed significantly to the prompt completion of this audit. No response to this report is required.

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