


Internal Audit Unit
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

October 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Joel L. Beidleman, Principal
William H. Farquhar Middle School

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

Subject: Report on Audit of Independent Activity Funds for the Period
September 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020

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 fundraisers. 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 September 29, 2020, virtual meeting with you and Mrs. Dawn A. Trahern, school financial specialist, we reviewed the prior audit report dated October 18, 2018, and the status of present conditions. We noted that there were no conditions that required corrective action. Although we did discuss and resolve a few minor matters, we are pleased to report that we found no weaknesses that require your attention. The records compiled and maintained by your prior school financial specialist were orderly and in compliance with MCPS requirements and that contributed significantly to the prompt completion of this audit. It should be noted that your school financial specialist's assignment was effective June 29, 2020. No response to this report is required.

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