


Internal Audit Unit  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Rockville, Maryland

November 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Mrs. Angelica Rivas-Smith, Acting 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  
May 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023

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, 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 17, 2023, meeting with you, and Mrs. Dawn A. Trahern, school financial specialist, we reviewed the prior audit report dated June 24, 2022, and the status of the present conditions. It should be noted that your position as acting principal was effective July 5, 2023. We noted in our prior report and in the current report, that there were no conditions that required corrective action. Although we discussed and resolved a few minor matters, we are pleased to report that we found no weaknesses that require your attention. Records compiled and maintained by Mrs. Trahern 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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