


Internal Audit Unit
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

December 30, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Shahid A. Muhammad, Principal
Forest Oak Middle School

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

Subject: Report on Audit of Independent Activity Funds for the Period
May 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019

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, 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 December 12, 2019, meeting with you and Mrs. May L. Salloum-Shraim, school financial specialist, we reviewed the status of the conditions described in our prior audit report dated June 27, 2018, and the status of present conditions. We discussed and resolved a number of minor issues to improve internal controls. You and your staff are to be commended for having no material weaknesses during the time period designated above. No response to this report is necessary.

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