


Internal Audit Unit  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Rockville, Maryland

April 1, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Alicia M. Deeny, Principal  
Richard Montgomery High School

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

Subject: Report on Audit of Independent Activity Funds for the Period  
February 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022

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 March 30, 2022, meeting with you; Ms. Ozmara K. Hernandez, school business administrator; and Ms. Ana Chavez, school financial specialist, we commended you for not having any reportable audit findings in your past four audits. We noted in our prior reports dated December 18, 2018, December 31, 2019, March 23, 2021, and the current report, there were no conditions that required corrective action. Although we discussed and resolved other matters, we are pleased to report that we found no weaknesses that require your attention. Records compiled and maintained by your financial agents were orderly and in compliance with MCPS requirements which contributed significantly to the prompt completion of this audit. It should be noted that your appointment as principal was effective July 19, 2021. No response to this report is required.

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