## Office of Shared Accountability MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Rockville, Maryland

February 11, 2015

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mrs. Katherine W. Lertora, Principal

Rock Terrace School

From: Roger W. Pisha, Supervisor, Internal Audit

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

June 1, 2013, through November 30, 2014

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. 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 IAFs are administered in accordance with MCPS policies, regulations, and procedures.

IAF audits are conducted regularly to evaluate compliance with MCPS 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 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 there is compliance with MCPS policies, regulations, and procedures, and that any significant errors or omissions in the financial records are detected.

In our meeting on February 10, 2015, with you and Ms. Christina Cedeno, administrative secretary, we reviewed the status of the conditions described in our prior audit report dated August 19, 2013, and commended you for your efforts to eliminate those concerns. During the course of our examination, we discussed and resolved with Ms. Cedeno several issues that did not represent material internal control weaknesses. No response to this audit report is required.

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