


Internal Audit Unit
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

October 5, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Alicia M. Deeny, Principal
Takoma Park Middle School

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

Subject: Report on Audit of Independent Activity Funds for the Period
July 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 23, 2020, virtual meeting with you and Ms. Stephanie J. Dorah, school financial specialist, we commended you for not having any reportable audit findings in your past audit. We noted in our prior report dated October 9, 2018, and current report, that there were no conditions that required corrective action. It should be noted that your school financial specialist's assignment was effective July 1, 2020. 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. Clity G. Gordon, former school financial specialist, 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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