


Internal Audit Unit
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

June 27, 2018

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Roger W. Pisha, Supervisor, Internal Audit Unit 

Subject: Report on Audit of Independent Activity Funds for the Period
August 1, 2016, through April 30, 2018

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 and are 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 MCPS policies, regulations, and procedures.

The 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 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 there is compliance with MCPS policies, regulations, and procedures and that any significant errors or omissions in the financial records are detected.

At our June 20, 2018, 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 September 7, 2016, 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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