

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT'S FY2024 ANNUAL UPDATE

June 24, 2024

Background Information:

The Office of Internal Audit is responsible for assisting the Board of Education of Harford County (Board of Education) and Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) by providing objective reviews of operations to confirm efficient and effective use of resources, improve internal controls, and strengthen HCPS' operations. The main objective is to add transparency and accountability of HCPS, its leaders, and employees.

The Office of Internal Audit adheres to the *International Standards for the Professional Practices of Internal Auditing (Standard)*. The Standard requires the Chief Auditor to periodically report to the Board of Education on the internal audit activity's performance relative to its plan. This report serves as the annual report to the Board of Education on the Office of Internal Audit's activity for fiscal year 2024.

Discussion:

The original audit plan for fiscal year 2024 included audits of Contract Management Controls, Grant Monitoring Controls, and Inventory Controls. In addition to audits, the plan included time for preparing the HCPS Budget Analysis, performing the required exit audits, performing continuous audit techniques over purchase card, payroll, and school activity fund transactions, responding to research requests from Board Members or management, continuing professional education and follow-up of prior audit findings. During fiscal year 2024, the Chief Auditor updated the Board of Education's Audit Committee quarterly on the progress of the fiscal year 2024 Audit Plan.

Board of Education's Audit Committee Request:

The Board of Education's Audit Committee and Office of Internal Audit recommends the Board of Education accept the Office of Internal Audit's FY2024 annual update.