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OIG Determines MCPS Grant Funds Wrongly Held by PTA

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Memorandum of Investigation, [Investigation of Alleged Mismanagement of Grant Funds Provided to the Sargent Shriver Elementary School PTA](#), OIG Publication # OIG-24-10, detailing the results of an OIG Investigation into whether grant funds awarded to Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) Sargent Shriver Elementary School (SSES) were mismanaged by SESS Parent Teacher Association (PTA) members.

The OIG did not substantiate an allegation of mismanagement or the loss of grant funds, but found that grant funds were transferred from an account controlled by MCPS to the PTA (an independent party outside of MCPS's control) in violation of policy, that the funds have not been spent for their intended purpose, and that current PTA officers are preventing the funds from being returned to MCPS.

The OIG encourages MCPS to take action to recover the grant funds from the PTA and either spend them on a project supported by the grant or return them to the grantor.

The report has been shared with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office for consideration of additional allegations of improper financial management by the PTA.

The full report can be found at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2024/OIG-MOI-MCPS-ShriverES.pdf>

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