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Allegations of Misconduct by Senior MCPS Officials Unsubstantiated

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 titled, *Investigation of Misconduct by Senior MCPS Officials*, detailing the results of an OIG investigation into allegations of misconduct by senior Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) officials. The investigation was predicated on a written complaint received by MCPS and referred to the OIG.

The complainant alleged that MCPS administrators made inappropriate jokes and statements of a sexual nature directed toward a subordinate. The supervisor of one of the administrators was reportedly aware of the alleged misconduct. The complaint also alleged that a senior MCPS official was present at a social gathering during which an MCPS employee was intoxicated and attempted to remove their clothing in front of MCPS colleagues. Lastly, the complaint alleged that another MCPS administrator was involved in an improper romantic and/or sexual relationship with a subordinate, and that a senior MCPS official was aware of the relationship while it was on-going.

While the investigation did not substantiate the allegations, the OIG observed opportunities for improvement regarding the disclosure of romantic or sexual relationships between staff, as well as requirements that MCPS staff cooperate with investigations. The OIG made recommendations to the Board of Education to address these observations.

The Memorandum of Investigation can be found at the following location:

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

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