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MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2017

To: Chris Cihlar, Director, Office of Legislative Oversight

From: Timothy L. Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer *Timothy L. Firestine*

Subject: Draft OLO Report 2018-2: Local Perspectives on Out of School Time in Montgomery County

We appreciate the Office of Legislative Oversight's (OLO) initiative to study out of school time (OOST) programs.

Because high quality OOST programming provides numerous benefits for children, youth, and families, including higher social/emotional well-being, lower truancy rates, and improved academic success, we have strategically increased the quality, quantity, and variety of OOST programming in Title I schools.

We have also partnered with Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) to enhance transportation access in our OOST programs; and we work closely with the MCPS central office and administration to market OOST programs and services and to communicate OOST programming opportunities to parents and youth. Our shared outreach efforts currently include access to back-to-school nights, flyers in backpacks, recruitment during lunch hour, and peer-to-peer recruitment.

To continue to enhance OOST programming accessibility and affordability, we are exploring foundation and private support and partnerships. The Children's Opportunity Fund is one such example of a resource we are considering to help leverage available support and partnerships in order to bridge the gap between demand and accessibility and affordability.

Relatedly, we are aware of and understand the challenges facing the Office of Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) in meeting demand and mediating between MCPS stakeholders and users. As far as the opportunity to alleviate the confusion over the current

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reservation process using ActiveMontgomery, the Department of Recreation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and CUPF are researching options for different registration software.

Thank you again for your work on this report. If you have any questions, please contact Gabriel Albornoz, Director, Department of Recreation, at (240) 777-6801.

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