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Prince George's County Board of Education Clarifies Financial Oversight and Accountability Procedures

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The Prince George's County Board of Education is and will continue to be fully compliant with MD Code of Education, § 4-404.

In response to the recent press release issued by the Office of Integrity and Compliance (OIC) regarding the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Administrative Procedure (AP) 2200, which is linked to the Prince George's County Board of Education Policy 0109, the Board of Education seeks to address and clarify statements made.

The relationship between PGCPS Administrative Procedures and Board Policies is designed to ensure a comprehensive and multi-layered approach to the oversight of financial and ethical conduct within the school system. Board Policy 0109, along with AP 2200, establishes a framework where accountability is appropriately distributed among staff, administrators, supervisors, and the Office of Internal Audit. This system promotes accountability at all levels, ensuring that concerns are addressed efficiently and effectively.

The Board of Education policy 8373, Office of Internal Audit, states its purpose is to assist the Board of Education in effectively discharging its duties and responsibilities for oversight of the management of PGCPS. In the past year, the Office of Internal Audit has conducted 67 internal audit reports and investigations of PGCPS and investigated 559 PGCPS compliance hotline complaints. This policy is in alignment with all applicable laws, including the MD Code of Education, § 4-101, MD Code of Education, § 4-108, MD Code of Education, § 4-404, and is designed to maintain the integrity and accountability of PGCPS's operations.

The OIC's request for amendments to AP 2200, which is linked to Board of Education Policy 0109, is based on a misinterpretation of MD Code of Education, § 4-404, MD Code of Education, § 4-101, MD Code of Education, § 4-108, and a misunderstanding of the administrative and policy framework of PGCPS.

Despite the implications contained in the OIC's press release, the Prince George's County Board of Education remains committed to upholding the highest standards of financial integrity, ethical conduct, and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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