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Robert Rowland, Superintendent Danville Independent Board of Education 152 East Martin Luther BLVD Danville, KY 40422

Re: Adult Education Grants for Boyle County

Dear Ms. Hawker and Mr. Rowland:

This report contains the results of the performance audit of Danville Independent Board of Education's administration of its Adult Education Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The Council on Postsecondary Education and Kentucky Adult Education contracted with us to conduct performance audits of selected local adult education providers. This report represents our findings, recommendations, and the provider's responses.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

We greatly appreciate the courtesies and cooperation extended to our staff during the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Council on Postsecondary Education and Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) selected the Danville Independent Board of Education (local provider) for a limited scope performance audit of its administration of the Adult Education Grants for Boyle County. An on-site review was conducted on March 14-16, 2007, to address the following objectives:

- Reconcile student and faculty data electronically submitted to KYAE with the information retained by the local provider.
- Determine whether the local provider's professional development activities comply with applicable professional development policies and procedures.
- Determine whether local providers' expenditures and costs comply with the terms of their grant agreement and reconcile to invoices submitted.
- Report internal control weaknesses identified during our audit that relate to the audit's objectives.

To accomplish these objectives, the performance audit team reviewed the Policy and Procedure Manual for Kentucky Adult Education, as well as the provider's grant proposal and final agreement with KYAE. During the on-site review, the audit team reviewed the provider's accounting records (trial balance/general ledger), interviewed program administrators regarding internal controls related to the above grants, and tested samples of participant files, personnel files, and expenditure documentation for compliance with applicable requirements. Below is the summary of findings:

#### FINDINGS SUMMARY

	Disallowed
FINDING	Costs
One (1) participant's file did not contain evidence of an approved formal	N/A
assessment.	
One (1) participant file did not contain an applicable withdrawn	
statement.	N/A

### RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

### **Scope and Methodology**

The KAE-10 Expenditure Reports were compared to the line item budget approved in the final agreement modification. This comparison was used to determine whether the provider's reimbursements complied with the approved budget.

The KAE-10 Expenditure Reports were then compared to the internally generated financial records maintained by the local provider. This comparison was used to determine whether the local provider's accounting records support the total amount requested for reimbursement on the KAE-10 Expenditure Reports.

### **Findings**

### PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY AND RECORD KEEPING

#### **Scope and Methodology**

Providers are required to submit participant data electronically using KYAE's management information system, AERIN. A total of 60 participants were selected randomly from AERIN. The electronic data was then compared to the documentation maintained in the participant files. We examined the files for the following:

- Proper eligibility documentation.
- Proper assessment testing.
- Evidence to support the achievement of goals/objectives.
- Evidence to support attendance.
- Proper separation from the program when applicable.
- Other requirements were tested based upon the applicable program requirements.

The participants tested received services during the period of July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

### **Findings**

Proper file maintenance and accurate data entry is important to support and document the success of a provider in meeting eligibility requirements. Providers are required to retain records to support participant data submitted electronically, as dictated by the program type. Information entered into AERIN should be supported by evidence maintained in the participant's file. The following exceptions were noted:

- One (1) participant's file did not contain evidence of an approved formal assessment.
- One (1) participant file did not contain an applicable withdrawn statement.

#### Recommendations

We recommend that the provider ensure all participant files contain the necessary documentation to support compliance with applicable policies and procedures. All assessments should be documented and maintained. If the participant is between 16 and 18 years of age, official documentation of their withdrawal from school should be included in their file. Staff entering participant data should require documentation for any data entry performed on a participant and any file deficiencies should be reported to the Program Director.

Provider Response – [Management provided this response when their views and planned corrective actions were requested. The Provider was given a reasonable amount of time to adequately respond to this request.]

Due to the two participants that are no longer in the program we would not be able to get an assessment or withdrawal form. We do assessments on everyone that enters the program. This particular person some how got by without an assessment. We have orientation with each participant to let him or her know the requirements of the program. Each 16, 17, or 18 years old are advised to bring a withdrawal form from the last school attended. They also fill out a form with this information that is kept in their file and one for them to keep. This particular person never came back to bring the withdrawal report.

In the future we will be more aware of assessments and withdrawal forms.

### PAYROLL AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS

### **Scope and Methodology**

A sample of payroll disbursements for the five employees paid through the Adult Education Grant, representing 19% of the total payroll expenditures, was judgmentally selected for payroll testing. Personnel files were examined to verify that staff had received the required professional development training hours. Timesheets were examined for existence and approval. Personnel files were examined to verify evidence of the instructor's bachelor's degree. A determination was made as to whether the employee was included in the staff listing information reported to KYAE.

### **Findings**

### PURCHASING/EXPENDITURE COMPLIANCE

### **Scope and Methodology**

A sample of ten (10) expenditures, representing 20% of the total purchases, was selected judgmentally from the detailed general ledger. These expenditures were tested for authorization/approval, supporting documentation, proper recording, and that it was an actual expense during the grant period of July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

### **Findings**

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REIMBURSEMENT COMPLIANCE

### **Scope and Methodology**

Professional Development expenditures were tested for proper authorization, supporting documentation, and adherence to approved rates and reimbursement policies. A sample of one (1) expenditure, representing over 20% of the total professional development expenditures, was selected judgmentally from the detailed general ledger.

### **Findings**

### INTERNAL CONTROLS RELATING TO GRANT

### **Scope and Methodology**

Danville Independent Board of Education's fiscal administrator of its Adult Education Grant was given an Internal Control Questionnaire regarding the controls in place for cash disbursements, bank reconciliation's, revenue, expenditures, and payroll. The questionnaire was completed by the fiscal administrator and reviewed for any significant control deficiencies.

### **Findings**

No significant control deficiencies noted.