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Dr. Betty J. Reynard
President
Lamar State University-Port Arthur
1500 Procter Street
Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Dear Dr. Reynard,

Lamar State University-Port Arthur implemented the recommendations in our prior report *A Compliance Desk Review of TEXAS Grant at Lamar State College-Port Arthur*, issued September 15, 2015.

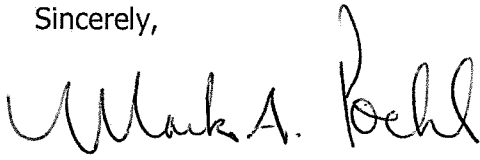
Management has implemented the audit recommendations by:

- Ensuring that controls over access to educational records, including both security class controls and user access permission controls, are improved to comply with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 202.70 – 202.76 and 34 CFR 99.31, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to better protect financial aid and other student data from unauthorized use;
- Ensuring that controls over segregation of financial aid awarding duties and financial aid disbursing duties are enhanced to comply with TAC §§ 202.70 – 202.76 and 34 CFR 99.31 FERPA to better protect financial aid and other student data from unauthorized use and to limit the risk of unauthorized awarding and disbursing of financial aid funds; and
- Improving timeliness of TEXAS grant disbursements so that funds can be more efficiently utilized for the benefit of eligible students and to ensure compliance with Texas Administrative Code Section 22.236(c).

We conducted this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and recommendations based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the findings, if any, based on the audit objectives.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark A. Poehl in black ink.

Mark A. Poehl, CPA, CIA, CISA, CFE
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