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Dr. Raymund A. Paredes
Commissioner of Higher Education
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Dear Dr. Paredes:

We performed an assessment of internal audit work quality to satisfy the requirements of professional auditing standards. It is our opinion that the Internal Audit Office *generally conforms* to the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*. These standards require:

- 1300 – Quality Assurance/Improvement Program
1311—Internal Assessments
 - Periodic reviews performed through self-assessment or by other persons within the organization with sufficient knowledge of internal audit practices.

Our self-assessment of internal audit work quality was based on an evaluation of the audit project *An Internal Audit of Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Administration Report No. THECB IA-WP-17-192*, issued in May 2017. We conducted our review using the self-assessment tool outlined by the *State Agency Internal Audit Forum* in their Peer Review Process Manual.

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

Sincerely,

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Director, Internal Audit and Compliance

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