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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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This investigation involving a large Southwestern school district<sup>1</sup> was initially opened to determine if any NSF Grant funds were involved in two unrelated incidents of financial mis-management within the School District that were identified through several news articles obtained from the internet. The first issue was the embezzlement of \$16,000 by a former district employee<sup>2</sup> that occurred in 1997. The embezzlement of those funds resulted in a criminal conviction of the former employee. The second incident involved the mis-management of District funds by another employee<sup>3</sup> who is no longer associated with the district. This alleged mis-management involved excessive salaries and other questionable financial practices.

During this investigation, the school district was contacted and provided a written assurance<sup>4</sup> that none of the funds involved in either incident were from any of the Grants awarded to the district by NSF.

Based on this assurance and the lack of any contradictory information it is this investigator's conclusion that neither incident was related to any NSF funds and this matter requires no further action.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

