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Dr. Diana Natalicio, President  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
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Dear Dr. Natalicio,

The Office of Auditing and Consulting Services has completed an audit of the University of Texas at El Paso football home attendance figures for the 2017-2018 football season. According to the NCAA rules, Section 20.9.9.3 "*...an institution must undertake an annual certified audit verifying its football attendance,*" and "*...once every two years on a rolling basis, the institution shall average at least 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for all football games.*"

The audit objective was to provide reasonable assurance that the Intercollegiate Athletics Department's reporting of football home game attendance is in compliance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) bylaws outlined in section 20.9.9.3 *Football Attendance Requirements*. Our audit was conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors. Our audit methodology included interviews and limited testing of documentation supporting the attendance figures.

Based on the audit results, the 2017 football season paid attendance average for the five home games was 18,498, which exceeded the NCAA 15,000 minimum required average.

We wish to thank the staff of the Intercollegiate Athletics Department for their cooperation and consideration during the audit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lori Wertz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Lori' being more prominent than the last name 'Wertz'.

Lori Wertz  
Chief Audit Executive

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