Auditors' Management Report On Administrative Findings Financial, Compliance And Performance June 30, 2015

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#### **Report of Independent Auditors**

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees John P. Holland Charter School County of Passaic, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of John P. Holland Charter School in the County of Passaic, for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2015.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended for the information of the John P. Holland Charter School Board of Trustee's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

# Olagbenga Olabintan, CPA

November 24, 2015 Newark, New Jersey

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#### **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Business Office, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

#### **Administrative Practices and Procedures**

#### **Insurance**

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-4, Insurance Schedule contained in the charter school's CAFR.

#### **Insurance**

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the charter school's CAFR.

#### Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dr. Brian Falkowski	Board Secretary/School	
	<b>Business Administrator</b>	\$135,000

There is a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond Policy covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$25,000.

School Leaders Errors and Omissions Liability insurance was carried for all members of the Board of Trustees with coverage for each wrongful act of \$1,000,000

#### **Tuition Charges**

A review of the financial statements indicated that the charter school charged no tuition for any student attending the Charter School.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid during the period under review indicates certain discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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#### Finding # 2015-001

It is pertinent to note that items with discrepancies existed prior to hiring of a new School Business Administrator. Subsequent to the hiring of a new School Business Administrator internal controls have been strengthened.

During our test of purchasing transaction it was noted that several items did not have supporting documentation to ascertain proper expenditure classification, amounts ordered, amounts paid, and voucher compliance with School Business Administrator approval.

#### Recommendation:

None. The new School Business Administrator has strengthened internal controls.

#### Management Response:

Management has strengthened internal controls in the last six months of the period under audit and going forward. All supporting documentations are maintained on file for all disbursements.

#### **Payroll Account**

The net salaries of all employees of the Charter School were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls were approved by the designee in the Charter School and were certified by the President of the Board of Trustees and the School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholdings due to the general fund.

#### Finding # 2015-002 – Terminated Employees on Health Coverage:

During our test work, we noted that three (3) employees who were kept on the Charter School's insurance coverage after the employees had separated from the Charter School. Management explained that this was an isolated situation.

#### Recommendation:

We recommend that the Business Office should review and compare the list of employees per the Health Insurance billings to the payroll for each month before approving the monthly health premium billings for payment. Terminated employees should be removed from the list of coverage on a timely basis.

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#### Management Response:

Management agrees.

#### **Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

A review of outstanding issued purchased orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted.

#### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with NJAC 6A:23-2.2(g) and line item details as described in the Budget Summary Key as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction error rate was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### **Board Secretary's Records**

We reviewed the financial and accounting records maintained by the Business Office and no material findings noted.

#### **Treasurer's Records**

Our review of the treasurer's records disclosed that the Charter School is in compliance with the State requirements. All cash accounts were reconciled monthly and reporting requirements were met on time.

# Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A) / Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The E.S.E.A/NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I through VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

#### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The Charter School's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B located in the CAFR. Our audit of the federal and state funds on a test basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved except as noted for NCLB above.

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The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

#### **T.P.A.F. Reimbursement**

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for Charter School employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions noted.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertising for Bids

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A: 18A-3 (as amended) and 18A:39-3 is \$36,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$26,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law requiring bidding for public student transportation contract under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$17,200.

The Charter School Board of Trustees has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A 18A18A-4, amended. However we noted the following:

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A 18A:A8A-5.

In as much as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or goods or services, the results of such accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the Charter School used contracts entered into by the state Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to ch.114,P.L.1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained.

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## **School Food Service**

The financial transactions and statistical records of the Charter School food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. We noted that meals claimed agreed with meal count records. No exceptions noted. We also noted that the reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a class by class basis. No exceptions noted. The free and reduced price meals and free milk policy is uniformly administered throughout the Charter school. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and cost verified.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three-month average expenditures.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit. No exceptions noted.

The Charter School uses a food service management company. We noted that the Charter School deposited and expended food program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1.

Food Distribution Program commodities were not received and therefore no inventory were maintained.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the CAFR.

#### **Student Body Activities**

Our audit revealed that all student body activities were properly accounted for during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

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#### **Enrollment Counts and Submission to the Department**

Our audit procedures included test of information reported on the October 15th, and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low income. We also performed a review of the Charter School procedures related to its completion. The Charter School maintained adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data. However, we noted the following exceptions:

## Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. The prior year's findings were corrected.

#### Acknowledgement

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the charter school and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

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# Food Service Fund Numbers For Meals Served and (Over)/Underclaim Enterprise Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Program		Meal Category	Meals Claimed	Meals Verified	Difference	Rate	(Over) Under Claim
National School Lunch		Paid	512	512	_	0.40	\$ -
		Reduced	2,597	2,597	_	2.72	-
		Free	26,453	26,453	-	3.12	-
	Total		29,562	29,562			
School Breakfast		Paid	126	126	_	0.28	_
		Reduced	658	658	-	1.63	-
		Free	11,084	11,084	-	1.93	-
	Total		11,868	11,868			
National After School Snacks		Paid	_	_	_	_	_
		Reduced	-	_	-	_	-
		Free	-	-	-	-	-
	Total			-			
Total Net (Over)/Underclaim							\$ -

#### Application for Charter School Aid Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment Count as of October 15, 2014

Grades	Submission to DOE reported on Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed registration forms	Errors	Verified # of days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed &/ or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # of days of Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	22	11	11	-	11	-	1	1	-	1	-	11	11	-
One	27	14	14	-	14	-	0	-	-	-	-	13	13	-
Two	26	13	13	-	13	-	1	3	(2)	3	(2)	13	13	-
Three	24	12	12	-	12	-	0	-	-	-	-	13	13	-
Four	23	12	12	-	12	-	1	1	-	1	-	11	11	-
Five	26	13	13	-	13	-	1	1	-	1	-	13	13	-
Six	21	11	11	-	11	-	1	2	(1)	2	(1)	11	11	-
Seven	26	13	13	-	13	-	1	2	(1)	2	(1)	12	12	-
Eight	21	11	11	-	11	-	2	2	-	2	-	11	11	-
Total	216	110	110	0	110	0	8	12	-4	12	-4	108	108	0
Percentage				0.00%		0.00%			-50.00%		-50.00%			0.00%

#### Application for Charter School Aid Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment Count as of Last Day of School

Grades	Submission to DOE reported on Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed registration forms	Errors	Verified # of days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed &/ or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # of days of Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
TZ' 1	22		1.1		1.1								1.1	
Kindergarten	22	11	11	-	11	-	1	1	-	1	-	11	11	-
One	23	13	13	-	13	-	1	1	-	1	-	13	13	-
Two	23	13	13	-	13	-	0	-	-	-	-	13	13	-
Three	22	12	12	-	12	-	1	1	-	1	-	12	12	-
Four	20	11	11	-	11	-	0	-	-	-	-	10	10	-
Five	26	13	13	-	13	-	2	2	-	2	-	12	12	-
Six	20	10	10	-	10	-	3	3	-	3	-	10	10	-
Seven	25	13	13	-	13	-	1	2	(1)	2	(1)	11	11	-
Eight	20	10	10	-	10	-	2	2	-	2	-	10	10	-
Total	201	106	106	0	106	0	11	12	-1	12	-1	102	102	0
Percentage				0.00%		0.00%			-9.09%		-9.09%			0.00%

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## JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

# Net cash resources did/did not exceed three months of expenditures Proprietary Funds - Food Service Year ended June 30, 2015

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service B - 4/5	
CAFR *	<b>Current Assets</b>			
B-4	Cash & Cash Equiv.	\$	107,243	
B-4	Due from Other Gov'ts		22,540	
B-4	Accounts Receivable		-	
B-4	Investments		-	
CAFR	Current Liabilities			
B-4	Less Accounts Payable		(10,617)	
B-4	Less Accruals		-	
B-4	Less Due to Other Funds		-	
B-4	Less Deferred Revenue			
	Net Cash Resources	\$	119,166	<b>(A)</b>
Net Adj. Total Operating Expense:				
B-5 B-5	Tot. Operating Exp. Less Depreciation		133,851	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$	133,851	<b>(B)</b>
<b>Average Monthly Operating Expense</b>	se:			
	B / 10	\$	13,385	(C)
Three times monthly Average:				
	3 X C	\$	40,155	<b>(D)</b>
TOTAL IN BOX A	\$ 119,166			
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$ (40,155)			
NET	\$ 79,011			
From above:				
D is greater than A, cash does not ex	xceed 3 X average month	ly op	erating expenses.	

<sup>\*</sup> Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

Source: Charter School's CAFR