

***JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL  
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015***

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JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS  
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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**Report of Independent Auditors**

Honorable President and  
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Jersey City Global Charter School  
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We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the Jersey City Global Charter School in the for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 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 Jersey City Global Charter School Board of Trustees' management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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December 7, 2015

## **Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance**

### **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, 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-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the Charter School's CAFR.

#### **Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)**

#### **Finding:**

There is no surety bond for the Board Secretary.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Board Secretary should have a surety bond equivalent to a sufficient amount in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.4(c) and N.J.A.C.18A:13-13.

#### **Tuition Charges**

A review of 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 did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

#### **Payroll Account**

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account, Employee's' payroll and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

## **Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance**

### **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

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

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

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

#### **Finding:**

A former employee, who was dismissed in November 2014, continued to be included as an employee for health insurance purposes until May 2015. This resulted in continuation of insurance coverage and health insurance cost for that employee for the period of November, 2014 to May, 2015.

#### **Recommendation:**

We recommend that written procedures regarding newly hired and dismissed employees be prepared and approved by the Board. These procedures should include the removal of former employees from health insurance and pension.

#### **Finding:**

A 1099 was not provided to an independent contractor that was an LLC.

#### **Recommendation:**

According to I.R.S. regulation, companies that are sole proprietors, partnerships or LLC's who received in excess of \$600 during the calendar year should receive a 1099 from the school. We recommend that the school update its records by requesting that each individual or other payee complete a Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification which can then be the basis for preparing the 1099.

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

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

### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of the all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications

## **Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance**

### **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

to determine overall reliability and compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3*. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 1.90% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### **A. General Classification Findings**

No exceptions or discrepancies were noted in the general classification of expenditures.

#### **B. Administrative Classification Findings**

No exceptions or discrepancies were noted in the administrative classification of expenditures.

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

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the business office disclosed no exceptions or discrepancies.

### **Treasurer's Records**

There is no School Treasurer.

### **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 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

## **Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance**

### **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

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

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a test basis, indicated the obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

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.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

#### **Finding:**

The charter school failed to apply for Title I and IDEA grant expense reimbursements incurred during the year until June, 2015.

#### **Recommendation:**

We recommend that federal grant expense reimbursement request forms are promptly filed.

#### **Finding:**

The charter school applied for reimbursement for Title I expenditures in excess of the expenditures spent.

#### **Recommendation:**

Reimbursement for expenditures should be applied for actual expenditures spent.

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

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements (electronic, but Charter Schools can print out the DOENET screen for an auditor) filed with the Department of Education for Charter School employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund.

#### **Finding:**

Pension deductions for both the T.P.A.F. and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) were not done for two (2) years because the State did not approve the enrollment of those employees participating in these pension plans.

#### **Recommendation:**

As of May 1, 2015 this has been corrected and employee contributions have begun.

## **Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance**

### **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

#### School Purchasing Programs

##### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

*N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general (as of June 2007) is available on the website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:  
[http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om\\_isapi.dll?clientID=1319801&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC\\_Frame\\_Pg42](http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=1319801&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC_Frame_Pg42)

Auditors should refer to Section I, Chapter 5, Bids & Contracts/Purchasing for highlights of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-3 and 4.

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter, the bid thresholds in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$36,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$26,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$17,500. Effective July 1, 2013, the bidding threshold for public school student transportation was adjusted to \$18,300.

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 of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-4, amended.

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



## **Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance**

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

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollment information reported on October 15, 2014 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income.

### **Follow-up on Prior Year Findings**

The finding related to surety bond insurance was not corrected by management.

### **Acknowledgment**

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.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL  
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID  
 ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

Grades	Submission to DOE Reported on Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified Signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # Days Enrolled	Sample				Errors	Verified # of Days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
						Special Ed/ Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Verified Documentation	Errors						
Kindergarten	68	68	68		68	1	1	1		1			5	5	
One	64	64	64		64	1	1	1		1			5	5	
Two	57	57	57		57	1	1	1		1			5	5	
Three	49	49	49		49	2	2	2		2			5	5	
Totals	238	238	238	-	238	5	4	4	-	4	-	-	20	20	-
Percentage				0.00%					0.00%		0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID**  
**ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2015**

Grades	Submission to DOE Reported on Roll	Sample												
		Reported on Workpapers	Verified Signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # Days Enrolled	Errors	Special Ed/ Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # of Days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	68	68	68		68		1	1		1		5	5	
One	64	64	64		64		1	1		1		5	5	
Two	57	57	57		57		1	1		1		5	5	
Three	49	49	49		49		2	2		2		5	5	
Totals	238	238	238	-	238	-	5	4	-	4	-	20	20	-
Percentage				0.00%		0.00%			0.00%		0.00%			0.00%

## EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7 requires that excess surplus for regular school districts and charter schools is calculated using 2% for June 30, 2005 and thereafter. Pursuant to P.L. 2007, c.62, the minimum was raised from \$100,000 to \$250,000, effective beginning with the year ending June 30, 2007.

Charter schools are not subject to the excess surplus limitations. Charter school auditors are required to document the calculation of excess surplus pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7 solely for the purpose of adherence to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.4(e), which provides that a district board of education may petition the Commissioner to pay a lower per-pupil rate if the charter school spends "significantly less than budgeted and has accumulated a sizable surplus."

### CALCULATION:

Complete Sections 1 and 2. If the total of Section 2 is **greater** than the applicable portion of Section 1, enter the difference in Section 3. If the difference results in a negative, enter a zero in Section 3. The applicable sections are to be submitted as part of the Auditor's Management Report.

Note that beginning with the excess surplus calculation for the year ending June 30, 2012 the transfer to food services is no longer an adjustment (increase) to total general fund expenditures. This was first introduced in supporting documentation item 9 on page 123 of the 2011-12 Budget Guidelines and continues to apply to audited excess surplus at June 30, 2013.

**EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION**

**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL**

**SECTION 1**

**A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus**

2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 2,297,091 (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	- (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	- (B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	- (B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	- (B1d)
Decreased by:	
Oh-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(61,772) (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>- (B2b)</u>
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	<u>2,235,319 (B3)</u>
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	<u>44,706 (B4)</u>
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	250,000 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	<u>- (K)</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$ 250,000 (M)</u>

**SECTION 2**

Total General Fund - Fund Balance @ 6/30/2015 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 137,138 (C)
Decrease by:	
Year-end Encumbrances	- (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	- (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	- (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	- (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>- (C5)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>137,138 (U1)</u>

**SECTION 3**

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***	<u>\$ - (E)</u>
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**Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015**

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ - (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***	<u>- (E)</u>
Total Excess Surplus	<u>- (D)</u>

**EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION**

**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL**

Footnotes:

\* Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:

(H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L. 2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, effective for the year ending June 30, 2015 the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve - General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);

(I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);

(J1) Extraordinary Aid;

(J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;

(J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and

(J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Impact Aid	\$	-	(H)
Sale & Lease-back		-	(I)
Extraordinary Aid		-	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid		-	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized		-	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid		-	(J4)
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Total Adjustments	\$	-	(K)

\*\* This amount represents the June 30, 2015 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

\*\*\* Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2015 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

\*\*\*\* Amount for Other Reserved Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

**Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:			
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	-	
Sale/lease-back reserve		-	
Capital reserve		-	
Maintenance reserve		-	
Emergency reserve		-	
Tuition reserve		-	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year		-	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year		-	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)		-	
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)		-	
Other state/government mandated reserve		-	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above] ****		-	
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Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	-	(C4)