

**KIPP COOPER NORCROSS ACADEMY
AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**XI. AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION FINDINGS
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Board of Trustees
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I have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy, in the County of Essex, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 and have issued my report thereon dated October 22, 2016.

As part of my audit, I 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 KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy, 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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October 22, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Renaissance schools are exempt from NJ.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 is available on the website <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/pscl/index.html>.

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed in Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, as contained in the Charter School's CAFR

Examination and Payment of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did indicate several discrepancies with respect to certification.

Recommendation

The formal purchase order system should be adapted to trigger systematic vendor certification processes for invoices exceeding 15% of the bid threshold.

Payroll and Payroll Agency Accounts

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

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

All payrolls were approved by the President of the Board.

Payrolls were delivered to the Secretary of the Board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Reserve for Encumbrances, Liability (Current) for Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2016 for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserve for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30, 2016. No exceptions were noted.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

My audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for the KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services Fund were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count record and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis. The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against meal count records. There were no modifications noted. Reimbursement vouchers were properly computed and timely filed.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed did not exceed the number of valid applications on file times the number of operating days. The free and reduced priced meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the school. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the costs of food and supplies used.

The school utilized an outside service to prepare and serve the meals. The outside service was paid based upon a per diem rate.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. 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 nonprofit status of the school food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures. (See Exhibit G-1). Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Operations are included in Section G of the Audit.

Board Secretary's Records

The records of the school were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Treasurer's Records

The records of the school were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Enrollment Counts and Submissions to the Department

My audit procedures included a test for information reported on October 15, 2015, and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. No exceptions were noted.

The Charter School maintained work papers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent. In addition, the Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

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 and other special Federal and/or State projects

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 and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no following areas of compliance and/or questionable costs.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The school's other Special and/or State Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and Exhibit K-4 located in the CAFR.

My 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.

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 indicated no areas of noncompliance.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with the *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(f)* and line item details as described in the Budget Summary Key as part of my test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. I also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in my compliance and single audit testing procedures. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

Not applicable - initial year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the charter school and I greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,



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KIPP COOPER NORCROSS ACADEMY
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND OVER/UNDER CLAIM
June 30, 2016

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEALS CLAIMED</u>	<u>MEALS TESTED</u>	<u>MEALS VERIFIED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL OVER-UNDER CLAIM</u>
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH (REGULAR RATE)	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
	REDUCED	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
	PAID	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0		0

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
	REDUCED	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
	PAID	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0		0

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AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
	REDUCED	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
	PAID	N/A	N/A	N/A			0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0		0

**KIPP COOPER NORCROSS ACADEMY
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015**

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

SAMPLE														
GRADES	SUBMISSION TO DISTRICT REPORTED ON ROLL	REPORTED ON WORK PAPERS	VERIFIED SIGNED REG FORMS	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS ENROLLED	ERR	(INCLUDED IN COLUMN 1) SPECIAL ED & OR BILINGUAL	VERIFIED DOCUMENTEN- TATION	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS SERVICE PROVIDED	ERR	LOW INCOME	VERIFIED DOCUMENTEN- TATION	ERR
KINDERGARTEN	112	112	112	0	112	0	7	7	0	7	0	109	52	0
ONE	132	132	132	0	132	0	17	17	0	17	0	127	0	0
TWO	63	63	63	0	63	0	16	16	0	16	0	61	0	0
THREE	66	66	63	0	63	0	16	16	0	16	0	63	0	0
FOUR	61	61	61	0	61	0	6	6	0	6	0	57	0	0
FIVE	62	62	62	0	62	0	8	8	0	8	0	57	0	0
SIX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEVEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	496	496	493	-	493	-	70	70	-	70	-	474	52	-
PERCENTAGE				0.00%		0.00%			0.00%		0.00%			0.00%

**KIPP COOPER NORCROSS ACADEMY
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

SAMPLE														
GRADES	SUBMISSION TO DOE REPORTED ON ROLL	REPORTED ON WORK PAPERS	VERIFIED SIGNED REG FORMS	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS ENROLLED	ERR	(INCLUDED IN COLUMN 1) SPECIAL ED & OR BILINGUAL	VERIFIED DOCUMEN- TATION	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS SERVICE PROVIDED	ERR	LOW INCOME	VERIFIED DOCUMEN- TATION	ERR
KINDERGARTEN	NOT APPLICABLE													
ONE														
TWO														
THREE														
FOUR														
FIVE														
SIX														
SEVEN														
EIGHT														
TOTAL			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERCENTAGE							0.00%			0.00%		0.00%		0.00%