BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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

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Report of Independent Auditors

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Bergen Arts and Science Charter School County of Bergen, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit 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 the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School in the County of Bergen for the year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2016.

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 Bergen Arts and Science 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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Richard M. Barre Public School Accountant PSA Number CS-01181

Union, New Jersey November 28, 2016

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)

Name	Position	<u>Amount</u>
Recep Ornek	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$200,000
Christopher Lessard	Treasurer	\$195,000

Tuition Charges

A review of financial statements indicated that the Charter School charged no tuition for any student attending the Charter School and all proceeds for a before/after school program were accounted for in an Enterprise Fund.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board 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, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.

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

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 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 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Classification of Expenditures (continued)

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.

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

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any areas of noncompliance and/or questionable cost.

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 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.

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. No exceptions were noted.

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/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=1319801&depth=2&expandheadin gs=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.

The bid thresholds in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (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 \$18,300 for 2015-2016.

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.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The Charter School utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will break even. The operating results provision has been met.

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

The cash disbursements 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 fund.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process that Edit Check Worksheet was completed. 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 and/or to the list of directly certified students on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school system. Sites approved to participate in Provisions I and II were examined for compliance with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

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

No exceptions were noted.

Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, there were no items noted.

Enrollment Counts and Submissions to the Department

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollment information reported on October 15, 2015 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year findings. Corrective action has been taken on all prior year findings.

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 MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER FOR MEALS SERVED AND (OVER) UNDERCLAIM - FEDERAL ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Program	Meal Category	Meals Claimed	Meals Tested	Meals Verified	Difference	Rate	ì	Over) Jnder Claim
National School Lunch	Paid	27,103	16,262	16,262	-	0.29	\$	_
(Regular Rate)	Reduced	15,385	9,231	9,231	-	2.67	Ψ	-
(Rogalal Rate)	Free	49,875	29,925	29,925	_	3.07		-
	TOTAL	92,363	55,418	55,418	-	0.07		-
National School Lunch (Regular Rate)	HHFKA - PB Lunch Only TOTAL			-		0.06	\$	-
School Breakfast	Paid	115	69	69		0.29	\$	
(Regular Rate)	Reduced	217	130	130	-	1.36	Ф	-
(Regular Rate)	Free	503	302	302	-	1.66		-
	TOTAL	835	502	501		1.00	\$	
School Breakfast	Paid	5,019	2,259	2,259	-	0.29	\$	-
(Severe Need Rate)	Reduced	4,798	2,159	2,159	-	1.69		-
, ,	Free	20,897	9,404	9,404	-	1.99		-
	TOTAL	30,714	13,821	13,821	-		\$	-
After School Snacks	Paid	-	_	-	-	0.07	\$	-
	Reduced	-	-	-	-	0.42	Ψ	-
	Free (Area							
	Eligible)	35,548	21,329	21,329	-	0.84		-
	TÓTAL	35,548	21,329	21,329	-		\$	-
TOTAL NET							•	

OVERCLAIM

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SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER FOR MEALS SERVED AND (OVER) UNDERCLAIM - STATE ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

aimed	Tested V	erified	Difference	Rate	Under Claim
27,103	16,262	16,262	-	0.040	\$-
15,385	9,231	9,231	-	0.055	-
49,875	29,925	29,925	-	0.055	-
92,363	55,418	55.418	-	_	-
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TOTAL NET OVERCLAIM

\$ -

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	Submission to							Carinpic						
	DOE Reported	Reported on	Reported on Verified Signed		Verified #		Special Ed/	Verified		Verified # of Days		Low	Verified	
Grades	on Roll	Workpapers	Workpapers Registration Forms	Errors	Days Enrolled	Errors	Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	80	80	80		80		-	~		-		33	33	
ne	80	80	80		80			4		-		41	41	
Тwo	80	80	80		80		ę		ю		e	37	37	
ree	80	80	80				ę	4	2	-	2	40	40	
our	80	80	80		80		e	4	2	-	2	41	41	
Five	80	80	80		80		ę	N	~	2		35	35	
×	79	79	62		62		7	с	4	3	4	34	34	
even	79	79	62		62		4	4	e	-	e	29	29	
ight	80	80	80		80		2	4	-	-	.	39	39	
ine	77	77	17		17		7	r	4	£	4	39	39	
ue	62	62	62		62		-		£			33	33	
Eleven	59	59	59		59		5	4	4	-	4	33	33	
Twelve	53	53	53		53		4	4	з	-	3	29	29	
Totals	696	696	696	•	889	'	44	15	28	15	28	463	463	
Percentage				0.00%		0.00%			63.64%		63.64%			0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2016

	Submission to							Sample						
	DOE Reported	Reported on	Reported on Verified Signed		Verified #		Special Ed/	Verified		Verified # of Days		Low	Verified	
Grades	on Roll	Workpapers	Workpapers Registration Forms	Errors	Days Enrolled	Errors	Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	79	62	62		62		-	-		F		33	33	
One	79	62	62		62		-	-		4		41	41	
Two	80	80	80		80		ю		ю	•	ю	37	37	
Three	80	80	80		80		ю	-	2	-	2	39	39	
Four	79	62	62		62		e	-	2	-	2	41	41	
Five	80	80	80		80		S	2		7	-	34	34	
Six	80	80	80		80		7	3	4	e	4	34	34	
Seven	80	80	80		80		4	-	S	4	ю	29	29	
Eight	79	62	29		62		2	4	.	4	-	38	38	
Nine	80	80	80		80		7	3	4	e	4	39	39	
Ten	62	62	62		62		۲		÷		-	31	31	
Eleven	59	59	59		59		5	4	4	4	4	33	33	
Twelve	53	53	53		53		4	4	З	-	ю	28	28	
Totals	026	670	026		970	•	44	16	28	16	28	457	457	•
Percentage				0.00%		00.00			63.64%		63.64%			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 $\frac{2\%}{2}$ for June 30, 2005 and thereafter. Pursuant to P.L. 2007, c.62, the minimum is \$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 **<u>greater</u>** 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, 2016.

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-16 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ 13,	615,161 - - - -	(B) (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases		943,602 -	(B2a) (B2b)		
Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures	 14,	558,763	_(B3)		
2% of Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *		291,175 291,175 -			
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance				\$ 291,175	_(M)
SECTION 2					
Total General Fund - Fund Balance @ 6/30/2016 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decrease by: Year-end Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Other Restricted Fund Balances **** Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	668,230 - - - - -	(C) (C1) (C2) (C3) (C4) (C5)		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance				 668,230	(U1)
SECTION 3					
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***				\$ 377,055	_(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2016					
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Reserved Excess Surplus *** Total Excess Surplus				\$ - 377,055 377,055	(C3) (E) (D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

Footnotes:

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for: Impact Aid; Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10); Extraordinary Aid; Additional and Nonpublic School Transportation Aid; and recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue. Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid Sale & Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ 	(H) (I) (J1) (J2) (J3)
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, 2016 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	-	
Other state/government mandated reserve	-	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above] ****	 -	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ ((C4)

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Net cash resources did not exceed three months of expenditures Proprietary Funds - Food Service For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Net Cash Resources:		Food Service B - 4/5	
CAFR * B-4 B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equiv. Due from Other Gov'ts Accounts Receivable Investments	\$ 59,660 18,688 - -	
CAFR B-4 B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds Less Deferred Revenue	 (81,347)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$ (2,999.00)	(A)
<u>Net Adj. Total Operating E</u>	xpense:		
B-5 B-5	Tot. Operating Exp. Less Depreciation	\$ 502,046 (11,946)	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$ 490,100.00	(B)
Average Monthly Operatin	g Expense:		
	B / 10	\$ 49,010.00	(C)
Three times monthly Aver	age:		
	3 X C	\$ 147,030.00	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET	\$ (2,999.00) \$ 147,030.00 \$ (150,029.00)		
From above:			
	exceeds 3 X average monthly op does not exceed 3 X average mo		

* Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form