BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2017

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Bergen County Technical and Vocational High School County of Bergen, New Jersey

We 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 Bergen County Technical and Vocational High School in the County of Bergen for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2017.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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#### Scope of Audit

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

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

#### Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR").

#### Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	Amount
John Susino	Assistant to the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$10,000
Peter Bellani	Accounting Manager	10,000

The above listed employee as well as other personnel of the Board are covered by a Blanket Employee Dishonesty Insurance Policy held in the name of the County of Bergen.

#### Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were more than estimated costs. The Board made adjustments to the billings to sending districts.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any material discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

#### Payroll/Personnel

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls tested were certified by the President of the Board, Chief School Administrator and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to General Fund.

**Finding** – The resolution approved by the Board requires that checks issued from the payroll agency account require two (2) signatures; however, the checks issued contained only one (1) signature.

**Recommendation** – The District's resolution regarding signatures on the payroll agency account be amended to require one signature.

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

#### Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 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 reserves 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.

#### 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 all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures.

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

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

#### Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Trust Fund.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (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 projects under Titles I, II and III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

Our examination 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.

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

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

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 (Schedule A) and Exhibit K-4 (Schedule B) located in the CAFR.

Our examination 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 contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

#### T.P.A.F Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of expenditures charged to the current year's Final Reports for all federal awards for the school district to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter, 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 currently \$18,800.

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

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

The results of our examination indicated no instances where payments, contracts, or agreements were made for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

#### School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board 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. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts. However, the District does follow a rigorous policy where all purchases are publicly bid, quoted or bought through the use of State contracts.

#### Food Service Fund

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal or state program. However, the program expenses exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or state support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services were maintained in satisfactory condition. 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 district 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 return a profit of at least \$20,000. The operating results provision has been met.

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 cost of food and supplies used.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the board of education.

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 months average expenditures.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

#### Food Service Fund (Continued)

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

#### Other Enterprise Funds

**Finding** – Our audit noted that two agreements for technology services were not maintained and available for audit. The agreements for 2017-18 were on file so therefore a recommendation is not warranted.

#### **Student Activity Funds**

The Board has a policy, which clearly established the regulation of Student Activity Funds.

#### **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 14, 2016 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled and low-income. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with immaterial exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The district has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

#### **Pupil Transportation**

Our procedures included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

#### Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

# BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

<u>Program</u>	Meal <u>Category</u>	Meals <u>Claimed</u>	Meals Tested	Meals Verified	Difference	Rate	(Over) Under Claim
National School Lunch (Regular Rate)	Paid	76,522	76,522	76,522	-		-
	Reduced	5,692	5,692	5,692	_		-
School Breakfast (Regular)	Free	18,333	18,333	18,333			
	Total Lunch	100,547	100,547	100,547			- Land
	Paid	4,352	4,352	4,352	-		-
	Reduced	798	798	798	-		-
	Free	5,585	5,585	5,585			-
	Total Breakfast	10,735	10,735	10,735			
TOTAL		111,282	111,282	111,282	-		

### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

## Net cash resources did not exceed three months of expenditures Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2017

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service B - 4/5			
CAFR * B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equiv. Due from Other Gov'ts Accounts Receivable Investments	\$	119,699 8,291 3,459			
CAFR B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds Less Deferred Revenue		0		,	e e
	Net Cash Resources	\$	131,449	(A)		
Net Adj. Total Operating	Expense:					
B-5 B-5	Tot. Operating Exp. Less Depreciation	,	791,466 0			
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$	791,466	(B)		
Average Monthly Operat	ing Expense:					
	B / 10	\$	79,147	(C)		
Three times monthly Ave	erage:					
	3 X C	\$	237,440	(D)		
TOTAL IN BOX A LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET	\$ 131,449 \$ 237,440 <b>\$ (105,991)</b>					
From above:						
	exceeds 3 X average mon					

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

SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form

D is greater than A, cash does not exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

#### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/14/2016

	2017-2018 Application for State School Aid			Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled								
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Half Day Preschool - 3 years	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				-	-				
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	-	_	_	-	_	_	-		_		_	_				
Half Day Kindergarten	_	_	_	-	_	_	_		_		_					
Full Day Kindergarten	_	_	_		_	_	_		_		_	_				
1st Grade		-	_	_		_	_		_		-	_		4		
2nd Grade	-	-	_	-	-	-	-		_		-	-				
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4th Grade	-	-	-	<b>-</b> .	-	-	-		-		-	-				
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6th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	_		-		-	-				
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9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-				
10th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		_		-	_				
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12th Grade		-			-	-					-			•		
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	_	_		-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	_	-	_	-
Spec Ed - High School	347	78	347	78	-		300		300		_		_	-	-	_
Subtotal	347	78	347	78	-	_	300	-	300	_	-		•	-		-
County Voc - Regular	1,758	153	1,758	153	_	_	1,060		1,060		_	_				
County Voc - FT Post-Second.	66		66	-	_	-	66		66		_	_				
Subtotal	1,824	153	1,824	153	-	_	1,126	<u>-</u>	1,126		-	<u> </u>	<del>-</del>	-	-	
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#### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/14/2016

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Sample for Verification

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Half Day Kindergarten	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st Grade	_	_	_	-	_	-		•	-		-	-
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6th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7th Grade	-		_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
8th Grade	_	_		-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
9th Grade	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
10th Grade	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12th Grade		*						-		**	_	_
Subtotal	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	•		•	-
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Spec Ed - High School	105	105		22	22		10	10	-	10	10	*
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#### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/14/2016

	LE	P Not Low Income		Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Register	Sample Errors		
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)								
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)						-		
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1st Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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4th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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8th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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10th Grade	-	-		-	-	-		
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	_		
12th Grade		-						
Subtotal	-	-	_	-	-	-		
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Spec Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	· -		
Spec Ed - High School	12	12		12	12	<u>-:</u>		
Subtotal	12	12	-	12	12	-		
County Voc - Regular	1	1	_	1	1	_		
County Voc - FT Post-Second.	-		-	-	-	-		
Subtotal	1	1	-	1	1	-		
Totals	13	13		13	13			
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## BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### COUNTY VOCATIONAL DISTRICTS

Section 1B		
Six Percent (6%)		
2016-2017 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$68,508,836	
Increased by; Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	426,996	
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(6,681,758)	
Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures	\$62,254,074	
6% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures	\$3,735,244	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		\$3,735,244
Section 2		
Total General Fund – Fund Balance at June 30, 2017 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement	\$9,074,224	
Decreased by: Year End for Encumbrances Other Restricted Fund Balances-Capital Reserve Other Restricted Fund Balances-Maintenance Reserve ARRA/SEMI Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	\$ 1,700,164 4,073,413 681,419 2,624 700,000	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$1,916,604</u>
Section 3 – All Districts		
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus		<u>s -</u>

### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

#### I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

#### II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that the District's resolution regarding signatures on the payroll agency account be amended to require one signature.

#### III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

#### IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

#### V. Other Enterprise Funds

There are none.

#### VI. Student Activities Funds

There are none.

#### VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### VIII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

#### IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

#### X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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