CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2017

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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Closter 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 Closter Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 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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GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Education, 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 (Exhibit J-20) contained in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	Position	<u>Amount</u>
Peter C. Iappelli	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$100,000
Norma Ketler	Treasurer of School Monies	260,000

There is Public Employee Dishonesty coverage with Selective Insurance Co. of America covering all other employees with coverage of \$100,000 per employee and \$400,000 per loss.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

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 tested were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/School 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Moneys with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

The required certification (E-CERT) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation for administrators to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 deadline.

Employee Position Control Roster

The Board has implemented and maintains a personal tracking and accounting (Position Control) System.

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:23-2.11 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. 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-2.4.As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were detected and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the proprietary of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

Approved budgetary line accounts were not overexpended.

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, unemployment compensation account, payroll account and payroll agency account (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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 Fund.

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 Fund of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibits K-3 and K-4 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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

None.

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 and \$29,000, respectively. If the District's purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of Section 9 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C.40A:11-9), the Board of Education may establish the bid threshold up to \$40,000. The District's Business Administrator is qualified and the District has increased by Board resolution the bid threshold to \$40,000.

The Board of Education 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.

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

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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.18A:18A-4.

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, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service

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

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits.

Expenditures were separately recorded as milk and labor. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

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. Net cash resources did exceed three months average expenses.

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

Student Body Activity

The Board has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

All receipts were promptly deposited.

All cash disbursements had proper supporting documentation.

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 handicapped, low-income and bilingual. 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 without exception. 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 audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2016-2017 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with immaterial exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistence 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.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

There were none.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES – FOOD SERVICE FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

		2016-17 A	pplication i	for State Sch	ool Aid			Sample for Verifica					Private Schools for Disable			ed			
	A.S	ted on S.A. Roll	Reported on Workpapers On Roll Errors		Workpapers On Roll		Workpapers On Roll		ors	Selecte	nple ed from papers			Reg	rs per isters Roll	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Fuli	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors			
Half Day Preschool	4	_	4	_	_	_	4	-	4	_									
Full Day Preschool - 3yr	5	_	5	_	-	_	5	-	5	-									
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	13	-	13	_		_	13	-	13	-									
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	_	_		_	-	-	-	_									
Full Day Kindergarten	100	_	100	_			100	-	100	-	-	-							
One	107	_	107	_	-	-	107	-	107	-	-	-							
Two	120	-	120	_		_	120	-	120	_	•	-							
Three	117	-	117	_	-	*	117	-	117	_	-	_							
Four	106	-	106	_		-	106	-	106	-		*							
Five	107	-	107	_	-	-	107	-	107	_	-	_							
Six	101	-	101	_	-	-	101	-	101	_	-	-							
Seven	110	-	110	_	-	_	110	-	110	-		-							
Eight	97	-	97	_		_	97	-	97	-	-	-							
Nine					_	-					-	-							
Ten					-	-					-	-							
Eleven					-	-					-	-							
Twelve					-	-					-	-							
Post-Graduate																			
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																			
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																			
Subtotal	- 987	. —	987		· ·		- 987		- 987		-								
Special Ed - Elementary	77	_	77	_	_	_	14	_	14		-	~	1	1	1	_			
Special Ed - Middle School	53	_	53	_	_	_	10	_	10		**		2	2	2	_			
Special Ed - High School			• • •									_	_	_	_	*			
Subtotal	130		130		. - .	. .	- 24		- 24				3	3	3				
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Co. Voc Regular																			
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.													 						
Totals	1,117		1,117				1,011	_	1,011	-			3	3	3				
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%			

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

CLOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

	Res	sident Low Income		Sample for Verification			Reside	ent LEP 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 Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors	
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Half Day Preschool													
Full Day Preschool	*												
Half Day Kindegarten													
Full Day Kindergarten	3.0	3.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	*	*	•	-	-	-	
One	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-			-	-	-	-	
Two	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	
Three	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Four	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Five	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Six	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Seven	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eight	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nine			-			-			-			-	
Ten			-			-			-			-	
Eleven			-			-			-			-	
Twelve			-			-			-			-	
Post-Graduate													
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)													
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	11.0	11.0		9.0	9.0		1.0	1.0		1.0			
Subtotal	11.0	11.0	•	9.0	9.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	2.0	2.0	_	2.0	2.0						_	-	
Special Ed - Middle	_	_	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - High			-			_			-			_	
Subtotal	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0		-	*	*	_	-		
Co Voc Domini													
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.													
Totals	13.0	13.0		11.0	11.0		1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0		
Totals	15.0	13.0			11.0		1.0		-	1.0	1.0		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	
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Reg Public Schools, col. 1	27.0	27.0	_	23.0	23.0	_							
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	2.0	2.0	_	2.0	2.0	_							
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	1.0	_							
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	13.0	13.0	_	11.0	9.0	2							
Totals	43	43		37	35	2							
Percentage Error						5.41%							

CLOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Inc	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten							
Full Day Kindergarten	16	16	-	5	5	-	
One	18	18	-	5	5	-	
Two	12	12	-	3	3	-	
Three	6	6	-	2	2	-	
Four	8	8	-	2	2	-	
Five	8	8	-	2	2	-	
Six	4	4	-	1	1	-	
Seven	3	3	•	1	1	-	
Eight	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Nine			-			-	
Ten			-			-	
Eleven			-			-	
Twelve			-			-	
Post-Graduate							
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)							
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)							
Subtotal	76	76	-	22	22	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	4	4	-	1	1	-	
Special Ed - Middle	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Special Ed - High						-	
Subtotal		5		2	2		
Co. Voc Regular							
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.							
Totals	81	81	-	24	24		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%	

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2016-2017 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

2016-2017 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	21,936,533
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	***************************************	2,600,300
Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	19,336,233
2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures	\$	386,725
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$	386,725
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment		141,084
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	527,809
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2017	\$	4,123,195
Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Emergency Reerve Capital Reserve Reserved for Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		598,631 250,000 2,096,755 325,000
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	852,809
SECTION 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	325,000
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017		
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus	\$	325,000 325,000
Total Excess Surplus	\$	650,000
Detail of Allowable Adjustments Extraordinary Aid 2016-2017 Nonpublic Transportation Aid 2016-2017 Tatal Adjustments	\$ \$	133,950 7,134 141,084
Total Adjustments	<u>D</u>	141,004

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There are none.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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