RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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 Riverbank Charter School of Excellence County of Burlington, 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 Riverbank Charter School of Excellence in the County of Burlington for the year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated November 10, 2017.

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 Riverbank Charter School of Excellence 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.

Richard M. Barre

Licensed Public School Accountant

No. CS-O1181

Barre & Company LLC, CPAs

November 10, 2017

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>
Debbie Pontoriero	School Business Admnistrator	\$100,000.00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with a duly authorized insurance company covering all other employees with multiple coverage.

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.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

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 $\underline{1.90\%}$ 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

The school does not have a 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 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&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.

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 \$18,800

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.

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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 costs of food and supplies used.

School Food Service (Continued)

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 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 Proprietary Funds found in the CAFR.

No Exceptions Noted.

Enrollment Counts and Submissions to the Department

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollment information reported on October 15, 2016 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income.

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.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

Not Applicable.

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2016

		ion Errors	4	2	9	2	17	0.00%	
	Verified	Documentation					1		
	Low	Іпсоте	4	S	٣	9	17		
		Emors						0.00%	
	Verified # of Days	Service Provided		-	2	3	9		
		Errors						0.00%	
Sample	Verified	Documentation		-	2	3	9		
	Special Ed/	Bilingual		-	2	3	9		
		Еполз					4	0.00%	
	Verified #	Days Enrolled Errors	37	36	37	36	146		
				Errors					
	Reported on Verified Signed	Workpapers Registration Forms	37	36	37	36	146		
	Reported on	Workpapers	37	36	37	36	146		
Submission to	DOE Reported	on Roll	37	36	37	36	146		
		Grades	Kindergarten	One	Two	Three	Totals	Percentane	

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2017

	Submission to						Ψ,	Sample						
	DOE Reported	Reported on	Verified Signed		Verified #		Special Ed/	Verified		Verified # of Days		Low	Verified	
Grades	on Roll	Workpapers	Workpapers Registration Forms	Emors	Days Enrolled	Errors	Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Епог	Income	Documentation	Emors
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RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE Schoole of Expenditives of Federal Awards For the Facal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Federal		Grant of State	Program or				Campover/				Repayment	á	Balance at June 30 2017	7 2017	
Federal Granto/Pass-Hrough Grantori Program Title	Number	FAN	Project	Award	Figure	Grant Perrod From To	Balance at June 30 2016	(Nakover)	Cash	Expenditures	Acquestments	Of Prior Years' Balances	Accounts Receivable	Deferred		Due to Grantor
U.S. Department of Education Passad-through State Department of Education Special Revenue Find No Chels of Revind																
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letal No Chac Lett Behand							<i>(</i>)		7,832		•					
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Other Special Revenue Funds. Dassemnation Caert Total Cines Special Revenue Funds	84 282	U282A120015	1VA	100 000	7/1/16	6/30/17	,					١		8		
Total Special Revenue Fund									13 567	(33.567)		•				g
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Total Enterprise Fund							(644)	হা	12.191	(916 11)			(36)			
Sub-Total Federal Financial Awaits							\$ (644)	41 \$ -	45758	\$ (45.483)	40	**	\$ (369)	*	49	٠

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE Schools of Expendiuses of State Financial Assistance For the Frical Year Ended June 10: 2017

					Batance	Balance at June 30, 2016							Balance at June 30, 2017	2017		MEMO	
State Grantor Program Fide	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	From	Grant Period om To	Defensed Revenue (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor		Carryoverf (Vidhover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments/ Repayment of Phor Years Balance	(Accounts Receivable)	Deferred Revenue/ Interfund Payakle	Due to Grentor	, , 	Budgetæy Recevable	Cumulative Total
State Department of Education General Fund Sere Ad-Arak Chuter Total Levi State State - Charter School Ad Social Education Ad Social Fundament Ad Social Education Ad	17-495-034-5170-071 17-495-034-5170-029 17-495-034-5170-084	21,428 6,293 562,693	7/1/16 7/1/16	6730/17 6730/17 6730/17		arb			\$ 71.428 6.293 550.317	\$ (21.478) (6.293) (562.693)	6 1	\$	65	69		\$.	31,428 6 203 562,693
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Tetal Erlerpinse Fund				•	(20)			·	473	(422)		(13)				61	477
Total State Financial Assistance				•	\$ (3014)	.,	-	·İ	1 238 708	\$ (648,083)	-	\$ (12,389)	\$ 2	_	ات. ا	12 369 \$	648 083
State Financial Assistance Not to Subject to Mayor Program Determination: General Fuel Computer of Piet Computer on Death 4th Instance Combutors On Serial Fuel Fuel Seat Receiver March Confederations On Serial Fuel Penson Completions	17-495-034-5094-004 17-495-034-5095-001 17-495-034-5095-008	618 81,410 67 704	311116 711116 711117	613017 613017					(818) (89.410) (97.704)	618 61 410 97 704	Q.,	4.00			v. e		618 61410 97.704
Total On-Genath TPAF Payments				,			 - -	j	(126 732)	179 732					ا		179 732
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Naior Pressam Determination	emination				\$ (2014)	*	*	•	\$ 658.976	\$ 1668.3511		\$ (12.389)		v	•	17.389 \$	1027.815

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7 requires that excess surplus for regular school districts and charter schools is calculated using <u>2%</u> 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 <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, 2013.

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2016-17 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	\$	1,47	9,418	(B) (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)		
Decreased by: Oh-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases		(23)) (B2a) _(B2b)		
Adjusted 2016-17 General Fund Expenditures		1,24	1,559	(B3)		
2% of Adjusted 2016-17 General Fund Expenditures Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	_		0,000	_(B4) (B5) _(K)		
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance					\$ 250,000	(M)
SECTION 2						
Total General Fund - Fund Balance @ 6/30/2017 (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	\$	19	5,644 - - - -	(C) (C1) (C2) (C3) (C4) _(C5)		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance					 195,644	(U1)
SECTION 3						
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***					\$ •	_(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017						
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Reserved Excess Surplus *** Total Excess Surplus					\$ -	(C3) -(E) -(D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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 Comparision Schedule, but <u>not</u> 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 Transporation 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		-	(0)
Extraordinary Aid		-	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid		-	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized		-	(13)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid		<u>.</u>	_(J4)
Total Adjustments	_\$		(K)

^{**} This amount represents the June 30, 2017 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions		
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	
Sale/lease-back reserve		
Capital reserve		
Maintenance reserve		
Emergency reserve		
Tuition reserve	19	
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)	120	
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	12	
Other state/government mandated reserve	2.5	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above] ****	 0	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ (C4)	

^{***} Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2017 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.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE **AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY** FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2017

Fi	ndir	ngs and Recommendations:
	1.	Administrative Practices and Procedures
		None
	2.	Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
		None
	3.	School Purchasing Programs
		None
	4.	School Food Service
		None
	5.	Student Body Activities
		None
	6.	Application for State School Aid/Charter School Enrollment System/Charter School Aid
		None
	7.	Pupil Transplantation
		None
	8.	Facilities and Capital Assets
		None
	9.	Miscellaneous
		None
	10.	Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
		None