

**PEOPLE'S PREPARATORY
CHARTER SCHOOL
AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

**XI. AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Board of Trustees
People's Preparatory Charter School
County of Essex
Newark, New Jersey

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 People's Preparatory Charter School, in the County of Essex as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and have issued my report thereon dated November 1, 2017.

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 People's Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees' management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public records and its distribution is not limited.



Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant
Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

November 1, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

GENERAL COMMENTS

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.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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>.

Bid thresholds in accordance with NJ.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 NJ.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$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 my examination, I 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 with the provision of NJ.S.A. 18A: 18A-4, amended.

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

My review of the contracts and agreements found that the school was in compliance as to the bid advertisements and awards.

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 not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification and documentation.

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 benefits premiums withholding due to the general fund.

All payrolls were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

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, 2017 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, 2017. 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 People's Preparatory Charter School 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 and served did not exceed the number of valid applications and/or to the list of directly certified students 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, no exceptions were noted.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

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 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, 2016, 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

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.

Finding

It was noted that the school had undergone an NCLB Title I audit for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, several deficiencies and questioned costs were noted during the audit.

Recommendation

The school must implement a corrective action plan and refund the questioned costs as noted in the report.

Administration addressed the deficiencies as noted and implemented the NCLB Title I Corrective Action Plan submitted to the State.

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:23A-16.2(f)* 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.

In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, my 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 0% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Follow-up on Prior Year Recommendation

Not applicable - no prior year recommendations.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald D. Longo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant
Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

PEOPLE'S PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
 FOOD SERVICE FUND
 NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND OVER/UNDER CLAIM
 June 30, 2017

<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	48,224	48,224	48,224	0	3.235	0
	REDUCED	0	0	0	0	2.835	0
	PAID	2,113	2,113	2,113	0	0.36	0
TOTALS		<u>50,337</u>	<u>50,337</u>	<u>50,337</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

<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>
SCHOOL BREAKFAST	FREE	11,971	11,971	11,971	0	2.04	0
	REDUCED	0	0	0	0	1.74	0
	PAID	526	526	526	0	0.29	0
TOTALS		<u>12,497</u>	<u>12,497</u>	<u>12,497</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

<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>
AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS N/A	FREE	15,833	15,833	15,833	0	0.86	0
	REDUCED	0	0	0	0	0.43	0
	PAID	0	0	0	0	0.07	0
TOTALS		<u>15,833</u>	<u>15,833</u>	<u>15,833</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

PEOPLE'S PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2016

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 DOCUMENTATION	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS SERVICE PROVIDED	ERR	LOW INCOME	VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION	ERR
NINE	128	64	64	0	64	0	15	15	0	15	0	64	64	0
TEN	96	48	48	0	48	0	13	13	0	9	0	48	48	0
ELEVEN	102	51	51	0	51	0	7	7	0	7	0	51	51	0
TWELFTH	77	38	38	0	38	0	4	4	0	4	0	39	39	0
TOTAL	403	201	201	-	201	-	39	39	-	35	-	202	202	-
PERCENTAGE				0.00%		0.00%			0.00%		0.00%			0.00%

PEOPLE'S PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
 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 R BILINGUA	VERIFIED DOCUMEN- TATION	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS SERVICE PROVIDED	ERR	LOW INCOME	VERIFIED DOCUMEN- TATION	ERR	ERR
NINE	128	64	64	0	64	0	16	16	0	16	0	64	64	0	0
TEN	96	48	48	0	48	0	13	13	0	9	0	48	48	0	0
ELEVEN	102	51	51	0	51	0	7	7	0	7	0	51	51	0	0
TWELFTH	77	39	39	0	39	0	5	5	0	5	0	39	39	0	0
TOTAL	403	202	202	-	202	-	41	41	-	37	-	202	202	0	0
PERCENTAGE				0.00%		0.00%			0.00%		0.00%			0.00%	0.00%

Peoples Preparatory Charter School
NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE
Net cash resources did/did not exceed three months of expenditures
Proprietary Funds - Food Service
FYE June 30, 2017

<u>Net Cash Resources:</u>		<u>Food Service B - 4/5</u>	
CAFR	*	Current Assets	
B-4		Cash & Cash Equiv.	-
B-4		Due from Other Gov'ts	
B-4		Accounts Receivable	55,108
B-4		Investments	
CAFR		Current Liabilities	
B-4		Less Accounts Payable	(17,670)
B-4		Less Accruals	
B-4		Less Due to Other Funds	
B-4		Less Deferred Revenue	
		Net Cash Resources	<u><u>37,438</u></u> (A)
 <u>Net Adj. Total Operating Expense:</u>			
B-5		Tot. Operating Exp.	(240,931)
B-5		Less Depreciation	-
		Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	<u><u>(240,931)</u></u> (B)
 <u>Average Monthly Operating Expense:</u>			
		B / 10	<u><u>(24,093)</u></u> (C)
 <u>Three times monthly Average:</u>			
		3 X C	<u><u>(72,279)</u></u> (D)

TOTAL IN BOX A	\$	37,438.00	
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$	(72,279.30)	
NET	\$	<u><u>(34,841.30)</u></u>	
From above:			
A is greater than D, cash exceeds 3 X average monthly operating expenses.			
D is greater than A, cash does not exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.			

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

SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form

**PEOPLE’S PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
AUDIT SYNOPSIS RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Finding

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Recommendation

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Administration addressed the deficiencies as noted and implemented the NCLB Title I Corrective Action Plan submitted to the State.

3. School Purchasing Program

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Status of Prior Year's Findings Recommendations

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

