# DOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newport, New Jersey

Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings, Financial, Compliance and Performance For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

# 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 Education Township of Downe School District County of Cumberland, 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 Education of the Township of Downe School District in the County of Cumberland for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 2019.

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 Downe Township Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel A. Delp, Jr. Public School Accountant #745 Triantos & Delp, CPA, LLC Certified Public Accountants

February 14, 2019

# ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

### 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, 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 Exhibit J-20 Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

<u>Officials Bonds</u> <u>Name</u>	Position	Amount
Lisa DiNovi	Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator	\$25,000.
Melissa A. Conover	Treasurer	\$160,000.

There is a commercial crime policy with the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$50,000.

### **Tuition Charges**

The District had no adjustments to billings to sending districts for the changes in per pupil cost 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, 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.

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

### 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.

### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g) 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

### FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

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### <u>Classification of Expenditures</u> (Cont'd)

*N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-2.4. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 6.35% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

A. General Classification:

### Finding 2018-01:

During our test of transactions it was noted the various items were posted to incorrect accounts. The expenditures and related appropriations were reclassified to the appropriate accounts.

### **Recommendations:**

The Districts school projects should reference *The Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools, 2008 Edition* and other available reference materials, such as the Budget Guidelines for the proper classifications required to be in compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f).* 

B. Administrative Classification: None

### Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed that the records were maintained in good order.

### Treasurer's Records

The following items were noted during our review of the records of the Treasurer.

Cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary except as noted in the above finding.

### Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (E.S.S.A.)

The E.S.E.A. 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 Title I, Title II, and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for the E.S.E.A. indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questioned costs.

### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district'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 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.

### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

### TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards for the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) 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.

### Finding 2018-02:

The TPAF reimbursement for the year ended June 30, 2017 was not timely filed.

### **Recommendations:**

a.

The TPAF reimbursement should be filed and paid in a timely manner.

# SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAM

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-3 states:

- Any purchase, contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of materials or supplies, the cost or price of which, together with any other sums expended or foreseeably to be expended for the performance of any work or services in connection with the same project or the furnishing of similar materials or supplies during the same fiscal year paid with or out of school funds, does not exceed the total sum of \$7,500 or the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section, in the fiscal year or, in the case of purchases that are not annually recurring, in a period of one year may be made, negotiated and awarded by a contracting agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore.
- b. Commencing January 1, 1983 and every two years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and Philadelphia area as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which is it reported.

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price thereof is to be paid with or out of school funds, not included within the terms of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-3, shall be made and awarded only by the board of education after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in, or calculated by the Governor pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-3 except by contract or agreement."

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000.

### SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAM (Continued)

### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

### N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states (Continued)

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.

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 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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.

### School Food Service

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. The program expenditures did not exceed \$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.

### Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, the following items were noted.

Cash receipts and cash disbursements journals were maintained.

Cash receipts were promptly deposited.

All cash disbursements tested had proper supporting documentation.

### Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2017 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, 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 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 2017-2018 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

# Facilities and Capital Assets

There are no capital projects in progress.

### Miscellaneous

*Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities* The school district school project submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

### Follow-Up on Prior Years' Findings

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

### Acknowledgment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Samuel Samuel St.

Samuel A. Delp, Jr. Licensed Public School Accountant, #745 Triantos & Delp Certified Public Accountants, LLC

February 14, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# DOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

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# DOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SECTION 1 A: 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus: 2017-2018 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR Exhibit 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 Pre-K-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for Pre-K-Inclusion Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>385,656.</u> (B2a) 0. (B2b)	\$3,751,143. (B) 0. (B1a) 0. (B1b) 0. (B1c) 0. (B1d)
Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures (B)+(B1s)-(B2s)	3,365,487. (B3)	
2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures (B3) x.02) Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000. Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	67,310. (B4) 250,000. (B5) 1,160. (K)	
Max. Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance (B5)+(K)		\$251,160. (M)
<u>SECTION 2:</u> Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by:	\$ 1,286,163. (C )	
Year-End Encumbrances	<u>3,500.</u> (C1)	
Legally Restricted-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted-Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent	<u> </u>	
Year's Expenditures ** Other Restricted Fund Balances****	<u>247,145.</u> (C3) <u>473,284.</u> (C4)	
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>7,910.</u> (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balances [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-C5)]		\$554,324. (U1)

# DOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

# SECTION 3:

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus \*\*\*[(U)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER 0

# Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017

Restricted Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent т

\$303,164.	(E)

Year's Expenditures **	247,145. (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus *** ( E )	303,164. (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+( E )]	\$550,309. (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid	\$ 0(H)
Sale & Lease-Back	0. (I)
Extraordinary Aid	0. (J1)
Additional NonPublic School Transportation Aid	1,160. (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	0. (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	0. (J4)
Total Adjustments (H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)	\$1,160. (K)

# **Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ 0.
Sale/lease-back reserve	0.
Capital reserve	225,575.
Maintenance reserve	174,277.
Emergency reserve	33,432.
Tuition reserve	40,000.
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve-current year	0.
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve-prior year	0.
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0.
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0.
Other state/government mandated reserve	0.
(Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above) ****	0.
otal Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$473,284. (C4)

# DOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

### **Recommendations:**

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

### Finding 2018-01:

During our test of transactions it was noted the various items were posted to incorrect accounts. The expenditures and related appropriations were reclassified to the appropriate accounts.

### **Recommendations:**

The Districts school projects should reference *The Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools, 2008 Edition* and other available reference materials, such as the Budget Guidelines for the proper classifications required to be in compliance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-16.2(f).

### Finding 2018-02:

The TPAF reimbursement for the year ended June 30, 2017 was not timely filed.

### **Recommendations:**

The TPAF reimbursement should be filed and paid in a timely manner.

3. School Purchasing Program

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. <u>Application for State School Aid</u>

None

7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None

8. <u>Facilities and Capital Assets</u>

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

# DOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 (Continued)

# 10. Status of Prior Year Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year finding.