GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION Woodbury Heights, 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 Gateway Regional High School District 775 Tanyard Road Woodbury Heights, New Jersey 08096

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 Board of Education of the Gateway Regional High School District in the County of Gloucester for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated January 17, 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 Gateway Regional High School 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.

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January 17, 2019

Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance, and Performance

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Monies, 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.

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Charles J. Owens	Treasurer	\$225,000
Donna J. Contrevo	Board Secretary/	
	School Business Administrator	\$10,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The Board Secretary is reviewing the billings in order make the proper adjustments.

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.

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

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

Payrolls were deposited in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

The required certification (E-Cert1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, and Business Administrator) to the NJ Department of the Treasury was filed by the March 15th due date.

Reporting of employee compensation for income tax related purposes complied with federal and state regulations regarding the compensation which is required to be reported.

The Board of Education did not make merit bonus payments.

Employee Position Control Roster

An inquiry and review of the Position Control Roster found the payroll records and the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted were in agreement with the Position Control Roster. There are internal control procedures in place to ensure that employee benefits are offered only to current employees and their relations.

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. District personnel performed an analysis of outstanding purchase orders at June 30 and prepared separate listings of purchase orders comprising the balance sheet account balances for accounts payable and reserve for encumbrances.

Travel

The District has an approved Board travel policy as required by NJAC 6A:23a-6.13 and NJSA 18A:11-12.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with NJAC 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. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-8.3. As of result of the procedures performed, we found no errors in the classification of expenditures and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

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 condition. The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

The monthly certification of positive line item account status by the Board Secretary and monthly certification that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations by the Board were filed during the year.

Purchase orders were charged to the appropriate line accounts in accordance with the State prescribed *Uniform Minimum chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools*.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were examined and were found to be in agreement with the records maintained by the Board Secretary. The Treasurer's cash balance for the general operating account was in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The ESEA/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 ESEA indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs during the year under audit.

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 project indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs during the year under audit.

Project completion reports for Non-Public State Aid were finalized and transmitted to the department by the due date.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the 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.

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report 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 60 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

NJSA 18A:18A-3 states:

- a. When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the Board of Education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, except that the Board of Education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent possesses a qualified purchasing agent certificate pursuant to subsection "b" of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9) the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, c.440 takes effect and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the Board of Education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection "a" of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection in direct proportion to the rise or fall of

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

the index rate as that term is defined in NJSA 18A:18A-2 and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective July 1 of the year in which it is made.

Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection "a" of NJSA 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

NJSA 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Board of Education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertisement for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law."

The bid thresholds in accordance with NJSA 18A:18A-2 and 18A:39-3(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 contract under NJSA 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000 for 2017-18.

The District's Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where questions arise 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 good 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. Based on the results of our examination, I did not note any instances of noncompliance.

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

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in good 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 utilizes a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with NJSA 18A:17-34 and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract were reviewed. The FSMC contact includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will return a profit of at least \$35,000. The operating provision has not been met and the District has recorded a receivable on its records. All vendor discounts, rebates and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

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.

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 not exceed three months average expenditures.

Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education. No exceptions were noted.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner. Minor exceptions were noted, these were due to a clerical error.

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 policy is uniformly administered throughout the school system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue AND program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the CAFR.

The FSMC has established an allocation system to provide the detailed revenue and expenditure information necessary in order to execute the USDA mandated Non-Program Food Revenue Tool at least annually.

Application for State School Aid (ASSA)

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2017, Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income, and bilingual. We also performed a review of the District's procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the District's work papers with minor exceptions. The information that was included on the work papers was verified with no exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The District maintained work papers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The District's written procedures appear to be adequate 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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Miscellaneous

The School District complied with continuing disclosure agreements made in relation to prior year's bond issuances. This obligation included filing audit reports on the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA).

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The School District adhered to all the requirements of NJAC 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities. The School District submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education pursuant to NJAC 6A:26-12.4(g).

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

Not applicable.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the School District and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	2016-2017 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Repo on At On F Full	SSA	Repo or Work p On F Full	n apers	Err	ors Shared	San Selecte Work p	ed from	Veri per Re on I Full	gisters	per Re	ors gisters Roll Shared	Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Seven	106		106				36		36							
Eight	132		132				48		48							
Nine	106		106				38		38							
Ten	130		130				44		44							
Eleven	113		113				40		40							
Twelve	105	2	105	2			50	2	50	2						
	692	2	692	2	0	0	256	2	256	2	0	0				
Special Ed Middle School	75		75				43		43				1	1	1	
Special Ed High School	134	1	134	1			76	1	76	1			5	4	4	
	209	1	209	1	0	0	119	1	119	1	0	0	6	5	5	0
	901	3	901	3	0	0	375	3	375	3	0	0	6	5	5	0
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resid	dent LEP Low Inc	come	Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Work papers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Work papers	Verified to Application and Registers	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Work papers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Work papers	Verified to Application and Registers	Sample Errors
Seven	36	36		22	22		2	2		2	2	
Eight	41	41		20	20							
Nine	32	32		19	19							
Ten	41	41		12	12							
Eleven	30	30		12	12		1	1		1	1	
Twelve	36	36		21	21							
	216	216	0	106	106	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Special Ed Middle School	40	40		21	21							
Special Ed High School	62	62		26	26							
	102	102	0	47	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	318	318	0	153	153	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Percentage Error		_	0.00%	<u>.</u>		0.00%		Ü	0.00%			0.00%

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017 (CONTINUED)

	Resider	nt LEP NOT Low	Income	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on ASSA NOT Low Income	Reported on Work papers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Work papers	Verified to Application and Registers	Sample Errors	
Seven							
Eight Nine							
Ten	1		1				
Eleven Twelve							
	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Special Ed Middle School							
Special Ed High School		1	(1)	1	1		
	0	1	(1)	1	1		
	1	1	0	1	1	0	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%	

	Transportation						
	Reported on	Reported on					
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by					
	DOE/County	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	
Regular Public Schools	532	532		165	165		
Transported Nonpublic	19	19		10	10		
AIL Nonpublic School Students	35	35		20	20		
Regular Special Education	123	123		40	40		
Special Education - Special Needs	44	44		15	15		
	753	753	0	250	250	0	
Percentage Error			0.00%	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		0.00%	

	Reported	Recalculated
Reg. Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK (Part A)	5.0	5.0
Reg. Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK (Part B)	5.0	5.0
Spec Avg. = Special Ed. with Special Needs	7.0	7.0

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2017-18 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	\$ <u>22,033,791</u> (B) \$ <u>(B1a)</u> \$ <u>186,000</u> (B1b) \$ <u>(B1c)</u> \$ (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ <u>2,566,641</u> (B2a) \$ <u>256,862</u> (B2b)
Adjusted 2017-18 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ <u>19,396,288</u> (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2017-18 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 387,926 (B4) \$ 387,926 (B5) \$ 78,708 (K)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>466,634</u> (M)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$\$(C)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2018	\$4,887,611 (C) \$18,088 (C1) \$(C2)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$18,088 (C1) \$(C2) \$1,560,670 (C3)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased 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****	\$18,088 (C1) \$(C2)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased 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	\$18,088 (C1) \$(C2) \$1,560,670 (C3)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased 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	\$ 18,088 (C1) \$ (C2) \$ 1,560,670 (C3) \$ 1,053,159 (C4)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ <u>1,762,691</u> (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2018	
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ <u>1,560,670</u> (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus*** [(E)]	\$ <u>1,762,691</u> (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 3,323,361 (D)

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for: Impact Aid, Sale, and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10), Extraordinary Aid, Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid; recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and Family Crisis Transportation Aid. 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	\$ (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 63,048 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 15,660 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ (J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+ (J3)]	\$ 78,708 (K)

^{**} This amount represents the June 30, 2018, 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	\$ 953,159
Maintenance reserve	\$ 100,000
Emergency reserve	\$
Waiver offset reserve - designated for subsequent year	\$
Tuition reserve	\$
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)	\$
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$
[Other restricted fund balance not noted above]****	\$
Total other restricted fund balance	\$1,053,159_(C4)

^{***} Amount must agree to the June 30, 2018, CAFR and the sum of the two lines 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 another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

^{******} Increase in Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's expenditures July 1, 2018 to August 1, 2018, resulting from decrease in state aid after adoption of 2018-19 budget. Refer to the Commissioner's Broadcast of July 13, 2018, at the NJDOE Broadcast webpage: https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/broadcasts and to pages 1-4.2 of this Audit Program.

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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
	None
7.	Pupil Transportation
	None
8. <u>I</u>	acilities and Capital Assets
	None
9.	Miscellaneous
	None
10.	Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
	Not Applicable