

# MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2018

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Mercer County Special Services School District County of Mercer Hamilton, New Jersey 08690

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Mercer County Special Services School District in the County of Mercer as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 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 solely for the information of the Mercer County Special Services School District 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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February 19, 2019 Livingston, New Jersey

#### **JUNE 30, 2018**

#### **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 Education and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

#### **Administrative Practices and Procedures**

#### **Insurance**

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the school district CAFR.

#### Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

Name	Position Position	 Amount
Tanya Dawson	School Business Administration/Board Secretary (7/1/17-4/30/18)	\$ 300,000
Deborah Donnelly	School Business Administration/Board Secretary (5/1/18-6/30/18)	\$ 300,000
David Miller	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$ 300,000

#### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were greater than or less than estimated costs. The District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the increase (decrease) in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

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

#### **Payroll Account**

The net salaries of all employees of the District 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.

#### **JUNE 30, 2018**

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

#### **Employee Position Control Roster**

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify any inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

#### 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 and no exceptions were noted.

#### 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 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 0% overall was noted 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 did not identify any exceptions.

#### Treasurer's Records

No exceptions were noted during our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer.

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#### Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The District did not receive any funding under the Elementary and Secondary Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

#### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A (K-3) and B (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.

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 instances of noncompliance.

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

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The District does not receive federal funding for any employees whose TPAF/FICA payments are made by the State on-behalf of the school district.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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 currently \$19,000 for 2017-18.

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The District 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 our audit, we did not identify 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, as 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 and are maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis and no exceptions were noted.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed on a test basis for timely deposit and no exceptions were noted.

The District utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract / addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will reflect a loss not to exceed \$40,000. The operating results provision has been met. 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 and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

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 and labor costs were verified on a test check basis for School Food Service employees. No exceptions were noted.

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The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to 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.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed, on a test basis, 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 cleaning requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

USDA Food Donation Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position (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 B of the CAFR.

#### **Student Body Activities**

During our review of the student activity funds, there were no exceptions noted.

#### Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.)

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, 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 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 written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

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#### **Facilities and Capital Assets**

Our procedures included a review of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreement for consistency with recording NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

#### Miscellaneous

#### Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 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 N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

#### Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year findings and recommendations. Corrective action was not needed as there were no prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal Compliance ("OFAC") audit reports issued during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

#### 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.

#### SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

## MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	2018-2019 Application for State School Aid			Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled								
	A.S	rted on .S.A. Roll	Work	ted on papers Roll	г.	Tors	San Selecte	d from	Regi	ed per sters	Regi	s per sters	Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Sample for		S1-
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Work <sub>l</sub> Full	Shared	Full	Roll Shared	On I Full	Shared	Private Schools	Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool																
Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	•	•	-	-	-
Half Day Kindegarten	•	•	•	-	-	•	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	•	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	•	-	-	•	•	-	•	•	-	-	-	•	•	•
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•	-	•	•	-	-	-
Two	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•	-	•	•	-	-	-
Four	•	•	•	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	•	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•	-	-
Seven	-	-	•	-	-	•	•	-		•	-	-	-	-	•	•
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•	•	•	-	-	-
Ten	•	•	•	•	-	•	•	-	-	-	•	-	•	-	•	•
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		•	•	•	•	•	-	-
Twelve	-	•	•	•	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	•	•
Post-Graduate	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	•	•	•	•		-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	_	-	-	-	_	•	•	-	•	•	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	•	-		-	-	-	-	-			_	-	-	-	•	
Subtotal		-	-	-		-	-			<del>-</del>	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	181		181	_			99	_	99	_						
Special Ed - Middle School	102	_	102	_	_	_	102	_	102	_	_	_	_	-		
Special Ed - High School	263	27	263	27	_	-	263	27	263	27	_	_		_	_	_
Subtotal	546	27	546	$\frac{27}{27}$			464	<del>27</del>	464	<del>27</del>		<del></del>	<del></del>			
Sidividi		<del></del>														<u> </u>
Co. Voc Regular	-	•	•	-	-	•	•		-				-	-	-	
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.							-	_	-		-	•	•	•	-	•
Totals	546	27	546	27		=	464	27	464	27	$\equiv$		<u> </u>			
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Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

#### SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	Re	sident Low Income		Sample for Verification			Reside	nt LEP Low Incom	Sample for \			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low	Reported on Workpapers as Low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Application	Sample	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP low	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Test Score	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool		•	•	•	•	•			-			
Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten	•	•	•	-	•	•	•		:	•	•	•
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•	•	-	•
Two Three	-	•	-	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	-
Four	-	:	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	•	-	-
Five	•	•	•	-	•	•	•			•	-	
Six	-		•	•	•	•	•	-			-	-
Seven	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	•	-	-	-
Nine	•	•	-	•	•	•	•	-	-	•	-	•
Ten Eleven	•	•	•	-	-	-	•	•	•	•	-	-
Twelve	-	-	•	-		•	•			:		
Post-Graduate	-	-	•		-	•	•		•		-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	•	•	-	-	•	•		•	•	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)			<u> </u>		<del>.</del>	<u> </u>		<u>.</u>	<u> </u>	<del></del>		
Subtotal	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	•
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High	120.0 74.0 169,5	120.0 74.0 169.5	: :	54,0 35,0 85,0	54.0 35.0 85.0	<u>:</u>	· ·	· ·	· ·	· ·		- -
Subtotal	363.5	363.5	-	174,0	174.0	-	•	-	•	•	•	•
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.				-	-		•	•	•	•	•	•
Totals	363.5	363.5	<del></del>	174,0	174,0	<del></del>		<del></del>			<del></del>	<del>-</del>
						<del></del>						
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		,	0.00%			0.00%
			Transp	ortation								
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by	_	m1	16.16.4	<b>-</b>						
	DOE/county	District	Errors	<u>Tested</u>	Venified	Егтогѕ						
Reg Public Schools, col. 1 RegSpEd, col. 4 Transported - Non-Public, col. 3 Special Ed Spec, col. 6			NOT APP	PLICABLE								
Totals					* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	<u>-</u>					Reported	Recalculated
Percentage Error						0.00%	Reg Avg.(Mileag	e) = Regular Includi e) = Regular Excludi al Ed with Special N	ing Grade Pk	students (Part A) Students (Part B)	NOT APPL	ICABLE

#### MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

## APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	Residen	t LEP NOT Low Inco	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 One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve			NOT APPLI	CABLE			
Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal	<del></del>	<del></del>	<del></del>			-	
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			<u> </u>	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	-		•		-	-	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%	

#### SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

## $\frac{\text{MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT}}{\text{FOOD SERVICE FUND}}$

### NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER) UNDERCLAIM - FEDERAL ENTERPRISE FUND

#### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	<u></u>	11 1111 11001	12 10,111 0	IDED VOICE	VI AULO				
<u>PROGRAM</u>	MEAL <u>CATEGORY</u>	MEALS CLAIMED	MEALS TESTED	MEALS <u>VERIFIED</u>	DIFFERENCE	<u>R</u> 4	ATE (a)	ÜN	VER) VDER VIM (b)
National School Lunch (Severe Needs Rate) National School Lunch	Paid	19,441	19,441	19,441	s -	\$	0.33	\$	-
(Severe Needs Rate) National School Lunch	Reduced	8,173	8,173	8,173	-		2.85		-
(Severe Needs Rate)	Free	69,055	69,055	69,055	-		3.25		-
	TOTAL	96,669	96,669	96,669	\$ -	• •		\$	-
	HHFKA - PB								
National School Lunch	Lunch Only	96,669	96,669	96,669	<u> </u>	. \$	0.06	\$	•
School Breakfast (Severe									
Rate)	Paid	1,104	1,104	1,104	\$ -	\$	0.30	\$	•
	Reduced	2,855	2,855	2,855	-		1.79		-
	Free	59,405	59,405	59,405	•		2.09		-
	TOTAL	63,364	63,364	63,364	\$ -	•		<u>s</u>	-
	•								

Total (Over) Underclaim

#### SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

## $\frac{\textbf{MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT}}{\textbf{FOOD SERVICE FUND}}$

## $\frac{\text{NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER) UNDERCLAIM -STATE}}{\text{ENTERPRISE FUND}}$

#### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

PROGRAM	MEAL CATEGORY	MEALS CLAIMED	MEALS TESTED	MEALS <u>VERIFIED</u>	DIFFERENCE	RATE (a)	(OVER) UNDER CLAIM (b)
State Reimbursement - National School Lunch (Regular Rate)	Paid	19,441	19,441	19,441	\$ -	\$ 0.05	s -
State Reimbursement - National School Lunch (Regular Rate)	Reduced	8,173	8,173	8,173	-	0.055	-
State Reimbursement - National School Lunch (Regular Rate)	Free	69,055	69,055	69,055		0.055	-
	TOTAL	96,669	96,669	96,669	\$ -	_	\$ -

Total (Over) Underclaim

### MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE FUND

#### NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

#### Enterprise Fund - Food Service Year ended June 30, 2018

Net Cash Re	sources:			Food Service B - 4/5	
CAFR	•	Current Assets			
B-4		Cash & Cash Equiv.	S	3,650	
B-4		Due from Other Gov'ts		75,846	
B-4		Accounts Receivable		15,701	
B-4		Investments		•	
CAFR		Current Liabilities			
B-4		Less Accounts Payable		(44,415)	
B-4		Less Accruals		•	
B-4		Less Due to Other Funds		•	
B-4		Less Deferred Revenue **		<u> </u>	
		Net Cash Resources	<u>s</u>	50,782	(A)
Net Adj. To	tal Operating	Expense:			
B-5		Tot. Operating Exp.		532,086	
B-5		Less Depreciation		(2,030)	
D-3		Dess Depreciation		(2,030)	
		Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	<u>s</u>	530,056	(B)
Average Mo	nthly Operat	ing Expense:			
		B/10	<u>s</u>	53,006	(C)
Three times	monthly Ave	rage:			
		3 X C	S	159,017	(D)

TOTAL IN BOX A	S	50,782
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$	159,017
NET	S	(108,235)

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.

<sup>\*</sup> Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The USDA commodity component of deferred revenues, if any, should be excluded from the current liability calculation. SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form

#### **JUNE 30, 2018**

#### **Audit Recommendations Summary**

We suggest the following:

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. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Findings

None