ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2019

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#### **AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Allendale Board of Education Allendale, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Allendale Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2019

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey 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 and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 18, 2019

#### **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, 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 contained in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

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

Name	<u>Position</u>	Amount
Maria Engeleit	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$100,000
Maureen Alissa Mayer	Treasurer of School Monies	\$210,000

There is Employees' Dishonesty with Faithful Performance coverage with Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

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

#### **Payroll Account**

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

The net salaries of all employees tested of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions tested and employer's share of fringe benefits tested were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### **Payroll Account (Continued)**

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 secretary of the Board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation of certain employees.

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

#### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made.

#### Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 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 reserves 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.

#### Travel

The district has an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13.

#### 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.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### **Board Secretary's Records**

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

**Finding** – Our audit revealed that the final tax payment from the Borough of Allendale was not received by June 30, 2019, however the check was deposited by the Board on July 1, 2019 therefore no recommendation is required.

**Finding** - Our audit of the various balance sheet accounts revealed that there were several interfund balances which have not been liquidated from prior years.

**Recommendation** - It is recommended that the District liquidate all interfund balances.

#### Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account, payroll agency account and the food service accounts.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the Board Secretary's records.

#### **Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund**

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Fund.

**Finding-** The employee unemployment contributions are being deposited into the payroll agency account and are not being transferred to the unemployment trust account.

**Recommendation**- It is recommended that the employee unemployment contributions are transferred to the unemployment trust account on a timely basis.

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

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 projects under Title I, Title II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Our examination 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.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### I.D.E.A. Part B

The district maintained separate accounting for each approved project.

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

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our examination 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 Fund section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

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

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms 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. Reimbursements to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

There were no TPAF employees' pensionable wages paid from federal funds during the current year. Therefore, there were no reimbursement amounts due to the State at June 30, 2019.

#### **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 \$19,000 for 2018-19. The Board appointed the School Board Administrator as a qualified purchasing agent.

**Finding**- Our audit of compliance with public contracts law revealed that the District made several purchase through purchasing cooperatives. However, the required bid documents including, the approved pricing, 10% ownership statements, proof of advertisement, business registration certificate and political contribution form was not available for our review.

**Recommendation**- It is recommended when making purchases through a purchasing cooperative that the District obtain all the required documents and retain with the purchase order.

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 Board Attorney'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 goods 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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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.

#### **School Purchasing Programs** (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 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. Our examination did reveal, however, that the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

#### Food Service Fund

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in good condition. The financial accounts were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch Program.

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.

The district utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program 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 break even. The operating results provision has been met.

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.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the board of education. No exceptions were noted.

#### **Student Activity Funds**

The Board has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

Cash receipts and disbursements records of the student activity fund were maintained in good condition.

#### **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2018 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private school for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual education. 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 with no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers were verified with no exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms of 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 2018-19 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with no exceptions. 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**

Finding- Our audit of the capital assets revealed the following:

- The capital asset inventory report provided for audit was not segregated into the various asset classes; buildings and building improvements and machinery and equipment. Furthermore the prior year accumulated depreciation was not in agreement with the prior year's capital asset inventory report.
- There were several capital asset additions that were not recorded in the capital asset inventory; auditor has adjusted the capital asset additions to reflect these items.
- The capital asset additions/disposal report didn't include any of the disposals that were done throughout the year. Auditor has adjusted the capital assets for these disposals.

**Recommendation-** It is recommended that the District adjust the capital asset inventory report to be in agreement with the audit. Furthermore, reports should be generated by capital asset class. In addition, all capital asset additions should be recorded on the capital asset inventory and reconciled with the District's internal capital outlay records and disposals made throughout the year should be properly reflected on the capital asset disposal report.

#### Miscellaneous

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.

#### Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. However there were no prior year recommendations.

#### Suggestions to Management

The food service fund financial transactions are maintained in Quick-books, it is suggested that the financial activity be recorded in Systems 3000 utilizing fund 60.

The payroll agency account has a deficit balance in the amount of \$3,363, it is suggested that the district fund this deficit through their general fund operating budget.

# ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

## ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

•		020 Application for State S	chool Aid	Sample for Verification			Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified per	Errors per	Reported on Sample			
	A.S.S.A.	Workpapers		Selected from	Register	Registers	A.S.S.A. as for	0 1 0 1		
	On Roll	On Roll	Errors	Workpapers	On Roll	On Roll	Private Verifi-	Sample Sample		
	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Schools cation	Verified Errors		
Half Day Preschool - 3 years	7	7		7	7					
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	7	7		7	7					
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-		_	-					
Full Day Kindergarten	62	62		62	62					
1st Grade	83	83		83	83					
2nd Grade	87	87		87	87					
3rd Grade	95	95		95	95					
4th Grade	97	97		97	97					
5th Grade	75	75		75	75					
6th Grade	93	93		93	93					
7th Grade	97	97		97	97					
8th Grade	116	116		116	116					
9th Grade	-	-		-	-					
10th Grade	-	-		-	-					
11th Grade	-	-		-	-					
12th Grade	-	-		-	-					
Subtotal	819 -	819 -		819 -	819 -					
Spec Ed - Elementary	30	30		19	19		5 5	5 -		
Spec Ed- Middle School	23	23		23	23					
Spec Ed - High School	-	-								
Subtotal	53 -	53 -		42 -	42 -		5 5	5 -		
Totals	872 -	872 -		861 -	861 -		5 5	5 -		
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## ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Re	esident Low Income		Sample for Verification		Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	-
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd Grade	3	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6th Grade	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7th Grade 8th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	=	-
9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-
12th Grade	-	-	_	<u>-</u>	_	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	5	5		5	5							
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed - Middle School Spec Ed - High School Subtotal	1 2 - 3	1 2 - 3	- - -	3	1 2 - 3	- - -	- - - -	-		- - -	- - -	- - - -
Totals	s <u>8</u>	8	-	8	8	_			-		-	-
Percentage Erro	r	=	0.00%			0.00%		=	0.00%		=	0.00%
			Transpo	ortation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public Schools	-	-	-	_	-	-						
Regular - Spec.	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Transported - Non-Public	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Special Needs - Public	8	8	-	5	5	-						
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## ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT'S ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Residen	t LEP Not Low Inc	ome	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 Pre-School (3 Yrs)	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Half Day Kindergarten	_	-	_	_	_	_	
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3	_	2	2	_	
1st Grade	-	-	_	-	_	_	
2nd Grade	1	1	_	1	1	_	
3rd Grade	-	-	_		-	_	
4th Grade	_	_	_	-	_	_	
5th Grade	-	_	-	-	-	_	
6th Grade	1	1	_	1	1	_	
7th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-	
8th Grade	2	2	_	2	2	_	
9th Grade	_	-	-	-	_	_	
10th Grade	_	-	-	-	-	_	
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12th Grade	_	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	8	8	_	7	7	_	
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	_	_	_	_	
Spec Ed- Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	_	
Spec Ed - High School	-	-		-	-		
Subtotal	-	-	_	_	-	-	
Totals	8	8	-	7	7	_	
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#### ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus		
2018-2019 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	18,606,414
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		2,445,143
Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures	\$	16,161,271
2% of Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures Increased by: Allowable Adjustment- Extraordinary Aid	\$	323,225 228,017
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	551,242
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2019	\$	10,922,499
Decreased by: Year End Encumbrances Legally Restricted- Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent		73,632
Year's Expenditures		1,501,441
Other Restricted Fund Balances Assigned Fund Balance- Unreserved- Designated for Susequent Year's Expenditures		7,171,153
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$</u>	2,058,829
SECTION 3 Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$</u>	1,507,587
Restricted Excess Surplus Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated to Subsequent Year's Expenditures Total	\$ 	1,507,587 1,501,441 3,009,028
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve	\$	6,204,317 836,836 130,000
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$</u>	7,171,153

#### ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

#### II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. It is recommended that the District liquidate all interfund balances.
- 2. The employee unemployment contributions are transferred to the unemployment trust account on a timely basis.

#### III. School Purchasing Program

It is recommended when making purchases through a purchasing cooperative that the District obtain all the required documents and retain with the purchase order.

#### IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

#### V. Summer Music Program

There are none.

#### VI. Student Body Activities

There are none.

#### VII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

#### VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

It is recommended that the District adjust the capital asset inventory report to be in agreement with the audit. Furthermore, reports should be generated by capital asset class. In addition, all capital asset additions should be recorded on the capital asset inventory and reconciled with the District's internal capital outlay records and disposals made throughout the year should be properly reflected on the capital asset disposal report.

#### X. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

There are none.

#### ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### XI. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior year recommendations, however there were no prior year recommendations.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

Paul J. Lerch

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