BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2019

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Bergen County Technical and Vocational High School County of Bergen, New Jersey

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 Bergen County Technical and Vocational High School in the County of Bergen for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 17, 2019

#### **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, 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 the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR").

#### Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	Amount
John Susino	Assistant to the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$10,000
Peter Bellani	Accounting Manager	10,000

The above listed employee as well as other personnel of the Board are covered by a Blanket Employee Dishonesty Insurance Policy held in the name of the County of Bergen.

#### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were more than estimated costs. The Board made adjustments to the billings to sending districts.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

**Finding** – Our audit noted that a Board employee was designated as Treasurer of School Monies on official Board records, contrary to NJSA 18A:17-31.

**Recommendation** – Reference to the title "Treasurer of School Monies" be discontinued from official Board records.

#### **Examination of Claims**

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

#### Payroll/Personnel

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

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

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

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

#### 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.

#### Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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.

#### Board Secretary's Records

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

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

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

#### **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 Trust Fund.

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

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 projects under Titles I, II and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

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)

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

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 (Schedule A) and Exhibit K-4 (Schedule B) 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 contained herein represent a true statement of 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 Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of expenditures charged to the current year's Final Reports 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 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.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter, 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 Board has designated the Purchasing Manager as the Qualified Purchasing Agent. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal 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 the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, 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 no instances where payments, contracts, or agreements were made for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", 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.

#### **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 purchases were made through the use of State contracts. However, the District does follow a rigorous policy where all purchases are publicly bid, quoted or bought through the use of State contracts.

#### **Food Service Fund**

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$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.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

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

Finding – Our audit indicated that the Food Service Enterprise Fund had a deficit unrestricted net position balance of \$45,894 as of June 30, 2019. A recommendation is not warranted as the overall unrestricted net position of the Enterprise Fund is in a positive position.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis. No exceptions were noted.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The district school 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 result at break even. The operating results provision has been met. All vendor discounts, rebates and credit 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.

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 non-profit status of the school food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

#### **Student Activity Funds**

The Board has a policy, which clearly established the regulation of Student Activity Funds.

#### **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 schools for the disabled 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 with an isolated 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 procedures included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

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

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

<u>Program</u>	Meal <u>Category</u>	Meals <u>Claimed</u>	Meals <u>Tested</u>	Meals <u>Verified</u>	<u>Difference</u>	Rate	(Over) Under Claim
National School Lunch							
(Regular Rate)	Paid	81,379	81,379	81,379	-		-
	Reduced	7,211	7,211	7,211	-		-
	Free	19,071	19,071	19,071			
School Breakfast (Regular)	Total Lunch	107,661	107,661	107,661	_		
	Paid	3,822	3,822	3,822	-		-
	Reduced	1,119	1,119	1,119	-		-
	Free	4,204	4,204	4,204			
	Total Breakfast	9,145	9,145	9,145	_		
TOTAL		116,806	116,806	116,806			-

### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL **NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE**

### Net cash resources did not exceed three months of expenditures **Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2019**

Not Cook Decrees		Food Service	
Net Cash Resources:		B - 4/5	
CAFR *	Current Assets		
B-4	Cash & Cash Equiv.	\$ 60,891	
B-4	Due from Other Gov'ts	9,532	
B-4	Accounts Receivable	0	
B-4	Investments		
CAFR	Current Liabilities		
B-4	Less Accounts Payable	(85,955)	
B-4	Less Accruals		
B-4	Less Due to Other Funds	(39,071)	
B-4	Less Deferred Revenue	 0	
	Net Cash Resources	\$ (54,603)	(A)
Net Adj. Total Operating	Expense:  Tot. Operating Exp.	915,513	
B-5	Less Depreciation	(16,357)	
D-0	Less Depreciation	 (10,337)	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$ 899,156	(B)
Average Monthly Operat	ing Expense:		
	B / 10	\$ 89,916	(C)
Three times monthly Av	erage:		
	3 X C	\$ 269,747	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A	\$ (54,603)		
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$ 269,747		

NET

(324,350)

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.

SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form

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

#### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2018

	2019-2020 Application for State School Aid			Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled							
	A.S	rted on .S.A. Roll	Work	rted on papers Roll	Err	ors	Select	mple ed from papers	Reg	ied per gister Roll	Reg	rs per isters Roll	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for Verifi-		Sample
	Full	Shared	Full			Shared		Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	
Half Day Day also also a						_									·	
Half Day Preschool - 3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-				
Half Day Preschool - 4 years Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-				
Full Day Kindergarten	_	_	_	_	_	<del>-</del>	_		_		_	_				
1st Grade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				_	_				
2nd Grade	_	-	-	- -	-	-	_		_		_	_				
3rd Grade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_		_	_				
4th Grade	-	-	-	_	_	-	_		_		_	_				
5th Grade	-		_	_	_	_	_		_		-	_				
6th Grade	-	-	-	-	_	_	_		_		_	_				
7th Grade	-	-	-	-	_	-	_		-	1	-	-				
8th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	`	-	_				
9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	_		-		-	-				
10th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		_	-				
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-				
12th Grade		-		_	-						_	-				
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=
Spec Ed - Elementary	_	_	_	_	_	=	_		_		-	-	_	_	_	_
Spec Ed - Middle School	_	_	-	_	_	-	-		_		-	_		-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	365	67	365	67	-		304		304		-	-	_	_		-
Subtotal	365	67	365	67	-	-	304	-	304	<del>-</del>	-	-	-	-	_	-
County Voc - Regular	1,855	171	1,855	171	_	_	1,088		1,088		_	_				
County Voc - FT Post-Second.	52		52		_	_	52		52		-	-				
Subtotal	1,907	171	1,907	171	_	_	1,140	_	1,140	-	-	-	-	_	_	_
Totals	2,272	238	2,272	238	-		1,444		1,444	-	_				-	
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#### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2018

LEP Low Income

Sample for Verification

Sample for Verification

Low Income

		Low income		Sample for Verification			EP Low Income		Sample for Verification			
	Reported on	Reported on					Reported on	Reported on				
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample	Verified to		A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample	Verified to	
	Low	Low		Selected from	Application	Sample	Low	Low		Selected from	Application	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers		Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	=		-	-	<b>=</b> .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2nd Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd Grade	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Grade	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	_	-	-
5th Grade	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	_
6th Grade	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	_
7th Grade	_	_	_	-	-	-	_	_	_		_	_
8th Grade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_
9th Grade	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_
10th Grade			_		_	-	<del>-</del>	-	_	_	-	-
11th Grade	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-
12th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	101.5	101.5		21	21	_	6	6		6	6	-
Subtotal	101.5	101.5	-	21	21	-	6	6	-	6	6	-
County Voc - Regular	176.5	176.5	-	37	37	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
County Voc - FT Post-Second.		-			-	-		-			-	
Subtotal	176.5	176.5	-	37	37	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
Totals	278	278	-	58	58		7	77	-	7	6	11_
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			Transpo	ortation								
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by	_			_						
	DOE	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public Schools	-		-			-						
						•						
Transported - Non-Public			=-			-						
Regular - Spec.	-		-			-						
Special Needs - Public			-									
Totals		-	-	-	-							
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#### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2018

	LEI	P Not Low Income		Sample	e for Verification	on
	Reported on	Reported on	-			
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample		
	Low	Low		Selected from	Verified to	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors
Half Day Dua Calara (2 Vos)						
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)						
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)						
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	_
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd Grade	-	-	-	<del></del>	-	-
3rd Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
5th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
6th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
7th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
8th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
10th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-
12th Grade	-	-			<del>-</del>	
Subtotal	-	-	=	_	-	=
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	=	-
Spec Ed - High School	8	8	-	8	8	-
Subtotal	8	8	-	8	8	_
County Voc - Regular	-	-	-	-	_	-
County Voc - FT Post-Second.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	_	-	_	-	_
Totals	8	8	_	8	8	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

# BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### COUNTY VOCATIONAL DISTRICTS

Section 1B		
Six Percent (6%)		
2018-2019 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$75,266,240	
Increased by; Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	339,868	
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(8,768,357)	
Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$66,837,751</u>	
6% of Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 44,010,265	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$4,010,265</u>
Section 2		
Total General Fund – Fund Balance at June 30, 2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement	\$12,107,714	
Decreased by: Year End for Encumbrances Other Restricted Fund Balances-Capital Reserve Other Restricted Fund Balances-Maintenance Reserve Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	\$ 3,144,743 5,433,468 881,419 	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$1,948,084</u>
Section 3 – All Districts		
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus		<u>s - </u>

### BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

#### I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

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

It is recommended that reference to the Title "Treasurer of School Monies" be discontinued from official Board records.

#### III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

#### IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

#### V. Other Enterprise Funds

There are none.

#### VI. Student Activities Funds

There are none.

#### VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### VIII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

#### IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

#### X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Dieter P. Lerch

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