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, 2019

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, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 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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December 12, 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 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 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 2018-19.

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 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 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 15, 2018, Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, lowincome, 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 no 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 2018-2019 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 15, 2018

		2017-201	8 Application	for State Scho	ol Aid		Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled					
	Repo on A On I Full	SSA	Repo or Work p On I Full	n papers	Err Full	ors Shared		nple ed from papers Shared	Veri per Re on I Full	gisters	per Re	rors egisters Roll Shared	Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Seven	98		98				98		98							
Eight	111		111				111		111							
Nine	117		117				117		117							
Ten	111		111				111		111							
Eleven	131		131				131		131							
Twelve	116	1	116	1			116	1	116	1						
	684	1	684	1	0	0	684	1	684	1	0	0				
Special Ed Middle School	70		70				10		10				1	1	1	
Special Ed High School	121		121				25		25				8	7	7	
	191	0	191	0	0	0	35	0	35	0	0	0	9	8	8	0
	875	1	875	1	0	0	719	1	719	1	0	0	9	8	8	0
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

	R		ident Low Income Sample for Verification			tion	Resi	dent LEP Low Inc	come	Sample for Verification		
		Reported						Reported				
	Reported	on			Verified to		Reported	on			Verified to	
	on ASSA	Work papers		Sample	Application		on ASSA	Work papers		Sample	Application	
	as Low	as Low		Selected from	and	Sample	as Low	as Low		Selected from	and	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Work papers	Registers	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Work papers	Registers	Errors
Seven	33	33		21	21							
Eight	35	35		13	13		2	2		2	2	
Nine	40	40		22	22							
Ten	29	29		10	10							
Eleven	33	33		17	17							
Twelve	29.5	29.5		19	19		1	1		1	1	
	200	200	0	102	102	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Special Ed Middle School	45	45		23	23							
Special Ed High School	48	48		27	27							
	93	93	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	292.5	292.5	0	152	152	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Percentage Error			0.00%	0		0.00%		0	0.00%			0.00%

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 (CONTINUED)

	Reside	nt LEP NOT Low I	ncome	Sample for Verification			
	Reported	Reported on			Verified to		
	on ASSA NOT Low Income	Work papers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Work papers	Application and Registers	Sample Errors	
Seven Eight Nine							
Ten Eleven Twelve			Not Ap	pplicable			
Special Ed Middle School							

Special Ed. - High School

Percentage Error	0.00%	0.00%

	Transportation							
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		
Regular Public Schools	515	515		197	197			
Transported Nonpublic	17	17		15	15			
AIL Nonpublic School Students	41	41		35	35			
Regular Special Education	120	120		82	82			
Special Education - Special Needs	37	37		32	32			
	730	730	0	361	361	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	7.4	7.4

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL SECTION 1 A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ <u>22,780,426</u> (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ <u>3,300</u> (B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$(B1d)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ <u>3,029,514</u> (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$(B2b)
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 19,754,212 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures	
[(B3) times .02]	\$ 395,084 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ <u>395,084</u> (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 105,134 (K)
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Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>500,218</u> (M)
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019	\$ 5,495,662 (C)
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	
Decreased by:	
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 223,932 (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for	
Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ 1,762,691 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 1,166,462 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated	· (-)
for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 34,913 (C5)
	+ <u> </u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ <u>2,307,664</u> (U1)

SECTION 3 Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus*** [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ <u>1,807,446</u> (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019 Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures** Reserved Excess Surplus*** [(E)]	\$ <u>1,762,691</u> (C3) \$ <u>1,807,446</u> (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$ <u>3,570,137</u> (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.

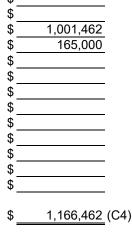
Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ (H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ (1)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 88,357 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 16,777 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ (J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+ (J3)]	\$ 105,134 (K)

- ** This amount represents the June 30, 2019, Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
- *** Amount must agree to the June 30, 2019, 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.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$
Capital reserve	\$ 1,001,46
Maintenance reserve	\$ 165,00
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	\$ 1,166,46



GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

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 Audit Findings/Recommendations

Not Applicable