BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF CAMDEN

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019



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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Laurel Springs School District County of Camden, 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 Board of Education of the Borough of Laurel Springs School District, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, which were separately issued in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report dated December 20, 2019.

As part of our audit, we also 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 issued in conjunction with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Borough of Laurel Springs School District, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and is intended for the information of the School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP Certified Public Accountants

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Certified Public Accountant

Public School Accountant No. 20CS00223300

Voorhees, New Jersey December 20, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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

<u>Insurance</u>

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, contained in the School District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR").

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

William H. Thompson

Board Secretary / School Business Administrator

\$ 160,000,00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Crime Policy provided through the School Alliance Insurance Fund covering all other employees for \$100,000.00 per person / \$500,000.00 per loss.

Tuition Charges

The School District had no incoming tuition students that required proper adjustment, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

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

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the General Fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator who then deposited warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Employee Position Control Roster

A sample of the Employee Position Control Roster indicated that it was in satisfactory condition and was approved by the county office submission with the 2018-2019 budget review checklist.

Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

Travel

No travel expenditures were noted during the fiscal year under audit.

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 randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

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

The E.S.S.A. 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, IIA and IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The audit of compliance for E.S.S.A. did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The School District's other special projects were approved as listed on Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our audit of the state funds on a sample 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 other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a sample of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for School District employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure 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 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 and N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. The expenditure was inspected subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000.00 (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 \$19,000.00 for 2018-19.

The School 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 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 note 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.

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 school food service program was not selected as a major federal and / or State program. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School District expended less than \$100,000 in federal and/or state funds for its Child Nutrition Program.

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

STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a sample 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, low-income, and bilingual. We also performed an inspection of the School District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the School District workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

The School District has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

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PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Our audit procedures included a sample of on-roll status reported in the 2018-2019 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was reported 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.

FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continuing Disclosure Agreements

The School District complied with its most recent continuing disclosure agreements made in relation to prior year bond issuances.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The School District complied with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A: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

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

Kirk N. Applegate

Public School Accountant No. 20CS00223300

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2018

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Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2018

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Half Day Preschool	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from <u>Workpapers</u>	Verified to Application, Test Score and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>
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otals	19	19		16	16							

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2018

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on CAFR Exhibit C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ 5,443,068.80 (B) (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	380,485.37 (B2a) 26,365.00 (B2b)
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)] 2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 5,036,218.43 (B3) \$ 100,724.37 (B4) 250,000.00 (B5) 3,876.00 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 253,876.00 (M)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Other Restricted Fund Balances **** Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 996,723.96 (C) - (C1) - (C2) 310,363.11 (C3) 1,112.68 (C4) - (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 685,248.17 (U1)
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 431,372.17 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ 310,363.11 (C3) 431,372.17 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 741,735.28 (D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

Footnotes:

- * Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below is to be utilized when applicable for:
 - (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
 - (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
 - (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
 - (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
 - (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
 - (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: 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

Federal Impact Aid	\$ -	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	-	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	3,876.00	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	-	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	-	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid		(J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$ 3,876.00	(K)

^{*} This amount represents the June 30, 2019 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031. This amount was to be appropriated in the 2019-2020 general fund budget.

Amount for Other Restricted 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	 1,112.68
Maintenance reserve	 -
Emergency reserve	 -
Tuition reserve	 -
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	 -
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	 <u>-</u>
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	 -
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	 -
Other state/government mandated reserves	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	 -
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 1,112.68 (C4)

^{***} Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2019 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SCHOOL BASED BUDGET DISTRICT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on CAFR Exhibit C-1	\$	-	(A)		
Increased by Applicable Operating Transfers:					
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund		_	(A1a)		
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	-	-	(A1a)		
Transfer from General Fund to Special Revenue Fund for Preschool - Regular	-	-	(A1a)		
Transfer from General Fund to Special Revenue Fund for Preschool - Inclusion	-	_	(A1a)		
Less: Expenditures Allocated to Restricted Federal Resources	-				
as reported on Exhibit D-2		-	(A1b)		
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2018-19 Adjusted General Fund & Other State Expenditures [(A)+(A1a)-(A1b)]			\$	-	_(A2)
Decreased by:					
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security				-	(A3)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases:					
General Fund 10 Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases					
Reported on Exhibit C-1a		-	(A4)		
Add: General Fund & State Resources Portion of Fund 15					
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases:					
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases in Fund 15					
Reported on Exhibit C-1a	-	-	(A5)		
Combined General Fund Contribution & State Resources					
% of Fund 15 Resources Reported on Exhibit D-2		0%	(A6)		
General Fund & State Resources Portion of Fund 15					
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases [(A5)*(A6)]		-	(A7)		
Total Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases [(A4)+(A7)]				-	_(A8)
2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(A2)-(A3)-(A8)]			\$		=(A9)
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures					
[(A9) times .02]			\$	-	_(A10)
Enter Greater of (A10) or \$250,000					(A11)
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Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *				-	_(K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(A11)+(K)]			\$		(M)

Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

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1.	Administrative Practices and Procedures
	None
2.	Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

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 Audit Findings/Recommendations

N/A - None