COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTY OF UNION

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 Trustees College Achieve Central Charter School Plainfield, New Jersey 07062

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 Trustees of the College Achieve Central Charter School, in the County of Union, 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 February 11, 2020.

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 Trustees of the College Achieve Central Charter School, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and is intended for the information of the Charter School 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,

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Voorhees, New Jersey February 11, 2020

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 Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on exhibit J-20, insurance schedule, contained in the Charter School's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dr. Brian Falkowski	Board Secretary / School	
	Business Administrator	\$180,000.00

The Charter School's insurance coverage includes a provision for money and securities in the amount of \$25,000.00 for all other employees.

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 sampled employees of the Charter School were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Sampled payrolls were approved by the School Leader 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.

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

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

A sample of travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

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, Title III, and Title 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 Charter School's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our audit of the federal and 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.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a sample of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for Charter School 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 report(s) for all federal awards for the Charter School to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the Charter 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 Charter School's Members of the Board of Trustees 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 financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were audited. The financial accounts, meal count records, and eligibility applications were tested on a sample basis. No exceptions were noted.

Cash receipts and bank records were sampled for timely deposit. No exceptions were noted.

Charter 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 Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contract / addendum were inspected and audited. The FSMC contract does not include an operating results provision. 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 should be separately recorded as food, labor, and other costs. Vendor invoices were sampled 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.

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.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE (CONT'D)

Sampled applications for free and reduced price meals were tested 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 inspected for uniform administration throughout the school system.

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

Non-program foods were not purchased, prepared, sold, or offered for sale by the School District

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

ENROLLMENT COUNTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Our audit procedures included a sample of enrollment information on October 15, 2018 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Finding No. 2019-001 (CAFR Finding 2019-001):

Our audit of enrollment disclosed several instances where the reporting for low-income and LEP students were not in agreement with the documentation on file.

Recommendation

That the reporting of students with low income and LEP statuses be supported by complete and accurate documentation as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

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 Charter School 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 recommendations. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings with the exception of the following, which is repeated in this year's recommendations noted as current year finding 2019-001:

Finding No. 2018-002 (See Finding 2019-001)

Condition

Our audit of enrollment disclosed several instances where the reporting for low-income was not in agreement with the documentation on file.

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 Charter School and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Schedule of Meal Count Activity
Food Service Fund
Number of Meals Served and (Over) / Underclaim - Federal
Enterprise Fund
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>	<u>Rate</u>	Estimated (Over) / Under <u>Claim</u>
National School Lunch	Paid	48,510	48,510	48,510	-	\$ 0.33	\$ -
(High Rate)	Reduced				-	2.93	-
	Free	89,302	89,302	89,302		3.33	
	Total	137,812	137,812	137,812			
National School Lunch	HHFKA - PB Lunch Only	137,812	137,812	137,812	-	0.06	
School Breakfast	Paid	770	770	770	-	0.31	-
(Regular Rate)	Reduced				-	1.49	-
	Free	1,420	1,420	1,420		1.79	
	Total	2,190	2,190	2,190		ı	
School Breakfast (Severe Needs Rate)	Paid	12,542	12,542	12,542	-	0.31	-
(Severe Needs Nate)	Reduced				-	1.84	-
	Free	23,088	12,542	12,542	-	2.14	
	Total	35,630	25,084	25,084	-		
Special Milk	Paid				-	0.2050	
After School Snacks	Paid				-	0.08	-
	Reduced				-	0.45	-
	Free (Area Eligible					0.91	
	Total	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				
CACFP (d) - Food	Free				-	3.16	-
CACFP (d) - Cash-in- lieu of USDA Foods	Free					0.2325	
Total Net Underclaim / (Ov	erclaim)						\$ -

Schedule of Net Cash Resources
Net Cash Resources Did Not Exceed Three Months of Expenditures
Proprietary Funds - Food Service Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service B - 4/5	
CAFR B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equivalents Due from Other Governments Due from Other Funds Accounts Receivable	\$	18,397.16	
CAFR B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds Less Unearned Revenue		(671.47) (17,725.69)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$		(A)
Net Adjusted Total Operating E	xpense:			
B-5 B-5	Total Operating Expenditures Less Depreciation	\$	658,529.26	
	Adjusted Total Operating Expense	\$	658,529.26	(B)
Average Monthly Operating Ex	pense:			
	B / 10	\$	65,852.93	(C)
Three Times Monthly Average:				
	3 X C	\$	197,558.78	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET From above:	\$ 197,558.78 \$ (197,558.78)			
	s 3 X average monthly operating expenses. of exceed 3 X average monthly operating expe	nses.		

COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Submission to	Sample												
	DOE reported	Reported on	Verified signed		Verified		Special Ed &	Verified		Verified # days			Verified	
Grade	On Roll	Workpapers	Registration Forms	Errors	# days enrolled	Errors	or Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	51	51			51		18	18				36	36	
One	39	39			39		17	17				18	18	4
Two	49	49			49		18	18				31	31	
Three	49	49			49		11	11				29	29	
Four	55	55			55		17	14	3			32	32	3
Five	51	51			51		15	14	1			31	31	3
Six	55	55			55		32	32				28	28	1
Seven	47	47			47		13	12	1			23	23	
Eight	47	47			47		8	7	1			21	21	1
Nine	48	48			48		19	19				26	26	5
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
Total	491	491		_	491	_	168	162	6.00		_	275	275	17

Percentage 4% 6%

COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019

	Submission to		Sample											
	DOE reported	Reported on	Verified signed		Verified		Special Ed &	Verified		Verified # days			Verified	
Grade	On Roll	Workpapers	Registration Forms	Errors	# days enrolled	Errors	or Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	43	43			43		21	21				26	26	
One	59	59			59		27	25	2			32	32	3
Two	55	55			55		19	19				30	30	
Three	50	50			50		15	13	2			30	30	4
Four	47	47			47		19	19				28	28	3
Five	46	46			46		16	16				28	28	2
Six	48	48			48		21	21				27	27	1
Seven	43	43			43		23	21	2			22	22	2
Eight	48	48			48		14	13	1			28	28	3
Nine	53	53			53		19	16	3			31	31	2
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
Total	492	492		-	492	_	194	184	10		_	282	282	20

Percentage 5% 7%

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	\$ 12,281,813.75 (B) (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	738,844.25 (B2a) - (B2b)
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 11,542,969.50 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 230,859.39 (B4) 250,000.00 (B5) - (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 250,000.00 (M)
SECTION 2	
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 - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 15,599.26 (C) - (C1) - (C2) - (C3) - (C4) - (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 15,599.26 (U1)
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	<u>\$ -</u> (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ - (C3) - (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	<u> </u>

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	-	(l)
Extraordinary Aid	-	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	-	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	-	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	-	(J4)
Total Adjustments $[(H)+(J)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]$	\$ -	(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	 -	_
Maintenance reserve	 -	_
Emergency reserve	 -	_
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 reserves	 -	_
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	 -	_
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ -	(C4)

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

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. Student Body Activities

Not applicable

6. Charter School Enrollment Counts and Submissions to the Department

That the reporting of students with low income and LEP statuses be supported by complete and accurate documentation as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

7. Pupil Transportation

Not applicable

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings, with the exception of the following, which is repeated in this year's recommendations:

That the reporting of students with low income status be supported by complete and accurate documentation as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.