

**PHILIP'S ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON
AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**XI. AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Philip's Academy Charter School of Paterson
County of Essex
Newark, New Jersey

I have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the Philip's Academy Charter School of Paterson, in the County of Essex, for the year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued my report thereon dated December 16, 2019.

As part of my audit, I 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 Philip's Academy Charter School of Paterson Board of Trustees' management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400



Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant

December 16, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Trustee's, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustee's.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in various amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the Charter School's CAFR. This includes public official bonds in the amount of \$150,000.

Tuition Charges

A review of financial statements indicated that the Charter School charged no tuition for any student attending the Charter School.

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 Accounts

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

All payrolls were approved by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit withholding 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.

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. No exceptions were noted during our review.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with the 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of my test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. I also reviewed the coding of all expenditures

included in my compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, my 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 of expenditure classification.

a) General Classification Findings

No exceptions or discrepancies were noted in the general classification of expenditures.

b) Administrative Classification Findings

No exceptions or discrepancies were noted in the administrative classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

My review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the business office disclosed exceptions.

Finding

It was noted that the secretary reports were not updated on a timely basis.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the secretary reports be prepared and submitted on a more timely basis.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

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 the projects under various Titles of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no following areas of compliance and/or questionable costs except as follows:

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The school's other Special and/or State Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and Exhibit K-4 located in the CAFR.

My 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 projects indicated no areas of non compliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

My audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for the Philip's Academy Charter School of Paterson employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

NJ.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general (as of June 2007) is available on the website <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>.

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

http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=1319801 &depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC_Frame_Pg42

Bid thresholds in accordance with NJ.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 NJ.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000 for 2018-2019.

The charter school 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 my examination, I 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 NJ.S.A. 18A: 18A-4, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per NJ.S.A. 18A:18A-5. My review of the contracts and agreements found that the school was in compliance as to bid advertisements and awards.

School Food Service

Not applicable.

Enrollment Counts and Submissions to the Department

My audit procedures included a test for information reported on October 15, 2018, and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. No exceptions were noted.

The Charter School maintained work papers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent. In addition, the Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The Charter School 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.

The Charter School submitted the annual State of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year findings.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school and I greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald D. Longo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant
Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

PHILIPS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND OVER/UNDER CLAIM
June 30, 2019

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEALS CLAIMED</u>	<u>MEALS TESTED</u>	<u>MEALS VERIFIED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL OVER-UNDER CLAIM</u>
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
	REDUCED	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
	PAID	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0		0

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEALS CLAIMED</u>	<u>MEALS TESTED</u>	<u>MEALS VERIFIED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL OVER-UNDER CLAIM</u>
SCHOOL BREAKFAST	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
	REDUCED	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
	PAID	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0		0

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEALS CLAIMED</u>	<u>MEALS TESTED</u>	<u>MEALS VERIFIED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL OVER-UNDER CLAIM</u>
AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
	REDUCED	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
	PAID	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0		0

PHILIPS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

SAMPLE

GRADES	SUBMISSION TO DOE REPORTED ON ROLL	REPORTED ON WORK PAPERS	VERIFIED SIGNED REG FORMS	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS ENROLLED	ERR	(INCLUDED IN COLUMN 1) SPECIAL ED & OR BILINGUAL	VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS SERVICE PROVIDED	ERR	LOW INCOME	VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION	ERR
KINDERGARTEN	75	38	38	0	38	0	1	1	0	1	0	56	28	0
ONE	77	39	39	0	39	0	6	3	0	3	0	56	28	0
TWO	58	29	29	0	29	0	5	3	0	3	0	41	21	0
THREE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FOUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEVEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	210	106	106	-	106	-	12	7	-	7	-	153	77	-
PERCENTAGE				0.00%		0.00%			0.00%		0.00%			0.00%

PHILIPS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

GRADES	SAMPLE														
	SUBMISSION TO DOE REPORTED ON ROLL	REPORTED ON WORK PAPERS	VERIFIED SIGNED REG FORMS	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS ENROLLED	ERR	(INCLUDED IN COLUMN 1) SPECIAL ED & OR BILINGUAL	VERIFIED DOCUMEN- TATION	ERR	VERIFIED # OF DAYS SERVICE PROVIDED	ERR	LOW INCOME	VERIFIED DOCUMEN- TATION	ERR	
KINDERGARTEN	75	37	37	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	28	0	
ONE	77	38	38	0	38	0	6	3	0	3	0	56	28	0	
TWO	58	29	29	0	29	0	5	2	0	2	0	41	20	0	
THREE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FOUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SIX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SEVEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	210	104	104	-	104	-	12	5	-	5	-	153	76	-	

PHILIPS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON
NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE
Net cash resources did not exceed three months of expenditures
Proprietary Funds - Food Service
FYE June 30, 2019

NOT APPLICABLE

**PHILIPS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON
AUDIT SYNOPSIS RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Finding

It was noted that the secretary reports were not updated on a timely basis.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the secretary reports be prepared and submitted on a more timely basis.

3. School Purchasing Program

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. Status of Prior Year's Findings Recommendations

In accordance with government auditing standards, my procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action has been taken on all prior year findings.