

**LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2019**



LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
Auditor's Management Report on Administrative
Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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

The Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Board of Trustees
LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc.
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 Trustees of the LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc., 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 16, 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 Trustees of the LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and is intended for the information of the Charter School'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,



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Voorhees, New Jersey
December 16, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The audit covered the financial transactions of the School Business Administrator / Chief Financial Officer, 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>
Kathleen Jackson-Hill	School Business Administrator	\$260,000.00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.00.

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 Chief Operations Officer/ Lead Person and were certified by the Treasurer and the 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 School Business Administrator 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.

Travel

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

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

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.

School Business Administrator

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the School Business Administrator 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, II, III, III Immigrant 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 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 school food service program was not selected as a major federal and / or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000.00 in federal and / or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority (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 fund net position (CAFR exhibit B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

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.

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.

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 Charter School 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 Charter School 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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Bowman & Company LLP in cursive script.

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Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

Handwritten signature of Scott P. Baum in cursive script.

Public School Accountant No.02459

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

Grade	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Sample												
		Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	121	76			76		2	2		2		65	65	
One	123	71			71		4	4		4		60	60	
Two	123	63			63		5	5		5		48	48	
Three	115	52			52		8	8		8		46	46	
Four	116	67			67		4	4		4		55	55	
Five	111	56			56		11	11		11		46	46	
Six	123	59			59		4	4		4		45	45	
Seven	117	54			54		7	7		7		44	44	
Eight	121	66			66		5	5		5		53	53	
Nine	131	68			68		4	4		4		54	54	
Ten	106	48			48		7	7		7		41	41	
Eleven	92	42			42		6	6		6		31	31	
Twelve	115	54			54		5	5		5		37	37	
Total	1,514	776	-	-	776	-	72	72	-	72	-	625	625	-

Percentage

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019

Grade	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Sample			Low Income	Verified		
							Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors		Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Documentation
Kindergarten	121	45			45						45	45	
One	123	52			52	2	2		2		42	42	
Two	123	60			60	6	6		6		52	52	
Three	115	63			63	11	11		11		52	52	
Four	116	49			49	5	5		5		48	48	
Five	111	55			55	11	11		11		48	48	
Six	123	64			64	10	10		10		54	54	
Seven	117	63			63	14	14		14		54	54	
Eight	121	55			55	4	4		4		50	50	
Nine	131	63			63	12	12		12		48	48	
Ten	106	58			58	15	15		15		48	48	
Eleven	92	50			50	12	12		12		41	41	
Twelve	115	61			61	13	13		13		51	51	
Total	1,514	738	-	-	738	-	115	-	115	-	633	633	-

Percentage

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	<u>\$ 24,018,291.39</u> (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	_____ (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	_____ (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>2,588,972.51</u> (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>80,730.00</u> (B2b)
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	<u>\$ 21,348,588.88</u> (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	<u>\$ 426,971.78</u> (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>426,971.78</u> (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	_____ (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	<u>\$ 426,971.78</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1)	<u>\$ 2,015,336.98</u> (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances	<u>304,344.99</u> (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____ (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	_____ (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	<u>148,648.41</u> (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____ (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	<u>\$ 1,562,343.58</u> (U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	<u>\$ 1,135,371.80</u> (E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019

Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	_____ (C3)
Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	<u>\$ 1,135,371.80</u> (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	<u>\$ 1,135,371.80</u> (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	_____	(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)]	 \$ _____	 (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.

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

**** 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]**** \$ 148,648.41

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 148,648.41 (C4)

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
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
None
6. Application for State School Aid
Not applicable
7. Enrollment Counts and Submission to the Department
None
8. Pupil Transportation
Not applicable
9. Facilities and Capital Assets
None
10. Miscellaneous
None
11. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
There were no audit findings for the prior fiscal year.

