BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Bogota Board of Education One Henry C. Luthin Place Bogota, New Jersey 07603

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Bogota Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2020.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certified Public Accountants
Public School Accountants

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Public School Accountant PSA Number CS00829

Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 22, 2020

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer, 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 reported on Exhibit J-20 as contained in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
Irfan Evcil	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$430,000		
Christopher Lessard	Treasurer	430,000		

There is a Public Employee Dishonesty with Faithful Performance Bond with New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees with a limit of \$250,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification, proper itemization and 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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including employee health benefits contribution withholdings due to the General Fund. The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserve for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g) 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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2.

As a result of the procedures performed, no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records and books of accounts were maintained by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed the following:

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented monthly to the Board on a timely basis and were submitted to the Executive County Superintendent as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all the accounts as required (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

Finding – Our audit revealed that the original budget for certain budgetary line items was not in agreement with the approved state budget. We noted that the capital outlay appropriations, although detailed in the state document, were combined in the budget accounting system.

Recommendation – The original capital outlay budget in the accounting system be detailed in accordance with the approved state budget.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Trust Fund.

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

The E.S.E.A./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 projects under the various Titles of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Our examination of the E.S.E.A./ESSA 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and K-4 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.

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund without exception.

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 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grant Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.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 School Business Administrator is a qualified purchasing agent, thus the bid threshold utilized is \$40,000. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000.

The board of education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Board Attorney'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 the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

The results of our examination did not indicate any individual payments, contracts, or agreements which were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, as amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts and cooperative purchasing agreements.

School Food Service

COVID - 19 Emergency

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COVID 19 Virus all Public, Charter, Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to Free and Reduced Price eligible students during the period of school closures.

Therefore, SFA's were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7. The SFA's were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of Free and Reduced Price meal eligible students.

SFA's were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenses exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, as to whether the District had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims.

We also inquired of school management, as to whether the SFA's expenses of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changed in Fund Net Assets (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program costs of goods sold.

We also inquired of management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific cost applicable to the emergency operations.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Service Fund were reviewed. 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.

School Food Service (Continued)

The District 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 contract was reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will return a profit of at least \$15,500. The operating results provision was not met because of the financial impact of COVID-19. 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.

Expenses were recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed, 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 expenses for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expense 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.

Exhibits reporting the Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the CAFR.

Student Activity Fund/School Athletics

The District has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

Finding – Our audit revealed certain instances where pre-numbered receipts were not always utilized for monies collected in the High School Activities.

Recommendation – Pre-numbered receipts be utilized for the monies collected in the High School student activity account.

Finding – Our audit revealed that certain game summary worksheets were missing the Athletic Directors approval signature.

Recommendation – All game summary worksheets contain the Athletic Directors signature for approval.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low-income, related services and bilingual. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the district workpapers with 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 District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

The District's written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Finding — Our audit of the Application for State School Aid noted that the District's workpapers for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Low Income and LEP Not Low Income were not in agreement with the number of students reported on the ASSA.

Recommendation – The District review is internal procedure regarding the preparation of the ASSA to ensure that the workpapers agree with the amounts reported.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures were to include a test of on-roll status reported in the 2019-2020 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with minor exceptions. 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. Based on our review, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation-related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA grant revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the Capital Reserve Account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district 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 school district did submit 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 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.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOT APPLICABLE

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND CALCULATION OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	45,631
Due from Other Governments		8,390
Accounts Receivable		15,964
Current Liabilities Unearned Revenue Accounts Payable	<u></u>	(9,784) (16,255)
Net Cash Resources	\$	43,946
Adjusted Total Operating Expenses Total Operating Expenses Less Depreciation Expense	\$	402,617 (5,870)
Adjusted Total Operating Expenses	\$	396,747
Average Monthly Operating Expense:	\$	39,675
Three Times Monthly Average:	\$	119,024
Total Net Cash Resources Three Times Monthly Average	\$	43,946 119,024

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	2020-2021 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled						
	A.S	rted on .S.A. Roll	Work	rted on papers Roll	E	rrors	Selec	imple ted from kpapers	Re	ified per gisters n Roll	Reg	ors per gisters a Roll	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for Verifi-	Sample	Sample
_	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Full Day Preschool-3yr.	5		5		_		5		5		-					
Full Day Preschool-4yr.	7		7		-		7		7		-					
Full Day Kindergarten	71		71				34		34							
One	58		58				24		24							
Two	51		51				23		23							
Three	71		71				37		37							
Four	94		94				47		47							
Five	76		76				47		47							
Six	67		67				31		31							
Seven	59		59				59		59							
Eight	74		74				74		74							
Nine	66		66				67		67							
Ten	82		82				82		82							
Eleven	83		83				83		83							
Twelve	66		66				66		66							
Subtotal	930		930			-	686		686							
Special Ed - Elementary	92		92				34		34				2	2	2	
Special Ed - Middle School	45		45				5		5				4	4	4	
Special Ed - High School	56_		56				54		54				6	6	6	
Subtotal	193		193	*		-	93		93				12	12	12	-
Totals	1,123		1,123	-			779	-	779				12	12	12	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Resident Low Income			Samp	le for Verification		Resid	ent LEP Low Income		Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors	
Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Subtotal	26 23 27 34 44 31 29 22 32 33 39 34 26	26 23 27 34 44 31 29 22 32 33 39 34 26		1 1 2 2 3 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3	1 1 2 2 3 3 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2		3 4 6 6 5 - 1 - 1 1 1 - 2 29	7 5 8 7 6 - 1 - 2 3 1 3 43	(4) (1) (2) (1) (1) (1) (2) (1) (2) (1) (1) (14)	1 2 3 3 2 - 1 - 1 - 1 1 -	1 2 3 3 2 - 1 1 - 1 1 1		
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal	51 21 29 101	51 21 29 101	- - - -	2 1 1 4	2 1 1 4		1 - 1 2	1 - 1 2	- - - -	1 2	1 - 1 2	- - - -	
Totals	501	501		27	27	_	31	45	(14)	17	17	*	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			-45.16%			0.00%	
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTRS by District	Transpo	Tested	Verified	Errors							
Reg Public Schools, col. 1 Reg -SpEd, col. 4 Special Ed Spec, col. 6 Totals	38 11 39 88	38 11 39 88	-	21 6 22 49	21 5 22 48	1 1							
Percentage Error						2.04%							

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Inco	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
Full Day Kindergarten	8	4	4	2	2		
One	4	3	1	1	1		
Two	2		2	- -	-		
Three	1		1	_	-		
Four	2	1	1	1	1		
Five	3	3	-	1	1		
Six	1	1	_	-	-		
Seven	1	1	-	-	-		
Eight	3	3	-	1	1		
Nine	4	2	2	1	1		
Ten	2		2	-	-		
Eleven	4	3	1	1	1		
Twelve	2	1	1	1	1		
Subtotal	37	22	15	9	9		
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High	1	. 1	-	1	1	-	
Special Ed - High	1	1		1	1		
Subtotal	1	<u> </u>		1	1		
Totals	38	23	15	10	10	_	
Percentage Error			39.47%			0.00%	

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

2019-2020 Total General Fund Budgetary Expenditures	\$ 25,079,525	
Increased by: Transfer from General Fund to Special Revenue Fund for Pre-K Inclusion	20,000	
	\$ 25,099,525	
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(3,009,412)	
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 22,090,113	
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 441,802	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment - Extraordinary Aid	\$ 92,296	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 534,098
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 4,696,611	
Decreased by: Restricted		
Capital Reserve	1,215,668	
Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	1,352,993	
Maintenance Reserve	235,126	
Encumbrances Escape Symples Designated for Subgroupert Vegets Budget	58,726 700,000	
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	 700,000	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 1,134,098
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		\$ 600,000
Recapitulation of Restricted Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020		
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Excess Surplus		\$ 700,000 600,000
		\$ 1,300,000

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that the original capital outlay budget in the accounting system be detailed in accordance with the approved state budget.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Student Activity Fund/School Athletics

It is recommended that:

- * 1. Pre-numbered receipts be utilized for the monies collected in the High School student activity accounts.
- * 2. All game summary worksheets contain the Athletic Directors signature for approval.

VI. Application for State School Aid

It is recommended that the District review its internal control procedures regarding the preparation of the ASSA to ensure that the workpapers agree with the amounts reported.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations. Corrective action was not taken on those items denoted with an asterisk (*).