FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2020

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Fredon Township School District Newton, New Jersey

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 Fredon Township School District, County of Sussex, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2021.

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 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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PSA Number CS00756

Fair Lawn, New Jersey January 15, 2021

## **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Education, 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 detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

#### Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Karen Constantino	School Business Administrator	\$200,000
Kerry Keane	Treasurer of School Monies	200,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with School Alliance Insurance Fund covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$50,000.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

We performed an examination of claims paid during the period under review with respect to each of signatures, certification or 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 fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the General Fund

The District filed the required certification (ECERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators with the New Jersey Department of Treasury by the March 15 due date.

#### 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 reserves 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:23A-16.2(f) 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-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account and payroll agency account were performed.

#### 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. 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 Title I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

# Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

Our audit of the 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 contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

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. No exceptions were noted.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

# T.P.A.F. 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 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 Grants 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 are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) 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 transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019-20.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within contract 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. Our audit noted no violations occurred.

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

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.

#### Food Service Fund

#### **COVID – 19 Emergency**

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COCID 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.

#### Food Service Fund (Continued)

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed and meals claimed did agree with meal count records.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

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.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

The District had contracted with Maschio's to operate and manage its food service program for 2019/20.

Provisions of the food service management company (FSMC) contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will break even. The operating results provision has been met.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

#### **Student Activity Funds**

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

All disbursements were supported by proper documentation.

#### **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low income, related services and bilingual students. 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 minor exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with minor exceptions. 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 has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

#### **Pupil Transportation**

Our procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2019-20 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included 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.

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 of contracts. The bid specifications for the purpose of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

#### Miscellaneous

## 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 Findings

There were no prior year findings.

#### Suggestion to Management

The District's fixed asset report, prepared by Duff & Phelps, be revised and updated to reflect all asset acquisitions and building improvements.

# SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

# SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES

NOT APPLICABLE

## FREDON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	2019-20 Application fo	or State School Aid		s	ample for Verification		Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll Full	Reported on Workpapers On Roll Full	Errors Full	Sample Selected from Workpapers Full	Verified per Registers On Roll Full	Errors per Registers On Roll Full	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
			,							_
Half Day Preschool	•	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool	9	9	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	32	32	-	32	32	~	-	-	-	-
One	12	12	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-
Two	17	17	•	17	17	-	-	-	-	-
Three	25	25	-	25	25	-		-	-	-
Four	23	23	-	23	23	-	-	-	-	-
Five	28	28	-	28	28	-	-	-	-	-
Six	21	21	-	21	21	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-
Eight Nine	-	-	-			-		-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-
Ien Eleven	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-			-		•	•	-
Post-Graduate	•	-	-			-	-	•	-	•
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-			-	•	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-			-	~	-	-	-
Subtotal	- 167 -	167 -		167 -	167	-	-	-		-
Special Ed - Elementary	22	22	_	22	22	-	-	-	-	_
Special Ed - Middle School	5	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	-	-		-			-			
Subtotal	27 -	27 -		27 -	27	-			_	-
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	194	194		194	194					
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Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%				0.00%

#### SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# FREDON <u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u> <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019</u>

	Reported on	Resident Low Income Reported on			Sample for Verification  Verified to		Reported on	Resident LEP Low Incor Reported on	ne		Sample for Verification	
	A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Application and Register	Sample Errors	A.S.S.A. as LEP low Income	Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten	- 1	1	-	- 1	1	-	-	-	-	•	-	-
One	2	2	-	2	2	-		-		-	-	-
Two	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-		-	-
Three	2	2		2	2	-	-	-	-	-	•	-
Four	3	3	-	3	3	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
Five Six	1	2	•	2	2	•	-	•	•	-	-	-
Seven		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	:	-	-
Eight			-				-	-	-	_	-	
Nine	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	•	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-
Eleven Twelve	•	•	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate	-	-		-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-		-	_		-	-		-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)			-									
Subtotal	12	12	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	•	_	-
Special Ed - Middle	1	1	-	1	1	-	-		-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High					<del></del>							-
Subtotal	2	2	-	2	2	•	-	-	•	-	-	-
Co. Voc Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	14	14	-	14	14							
Totals		14		14	14	-		-		(d)		
Percentage Error		-	0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	(u)		0.00%
-		5										
			Transpe	ortation								
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DRTRS by DOE/county	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Reg Public Schools, col. 1 Reg -SpEd, col. 4	103 7	103 7	•	39 3	39 3	•						
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	8	8	-	3	3	-						
AIL Non-Public	5	5		2	2							
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	10	10	-	2	2	-						
Totals	133	133	-	49	49	-						
Percentage Error						0.00%						

# FREDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Res	ident LEP NOT Low Incom	me		Sample for Verification	l
	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
Half Day Preschool	_	_	_	_	_	_
Full Day Preschool	_		_	_	_	_
Half Day Kindegarten	_	_	<u>-</u>	_	_	_
Full Day Kindergarten	_			_	-	-
One	-	_	-	-	_	_
Two	_	_	-	_	-	-
Three	_	-	_	-	_	_
Four	_	_	-	-	-	_
Five	_	-	-	-	_	_
Six	-	_	_	_	_	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	_	-
Eight	_	_	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	*	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate	_	-	-	-	_	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-				-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	_	-
Special Ed - Middle	-	-	_	-	-	_
Special Ed - High		_	-	_	-	
Subtotal	_	_	-	_	-	-
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals						
Percentage Error		-	0.00%	(f)		0.00%

# FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2019-2020 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR		\$	5,095,195
Increased by: Transfer from Capital Reserve to Debt Service			125,000
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			(636,182)
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		\$	4,584,013
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000		\$	250,000
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*			10,100
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		\$	260,100
SECTION 2		Ψ	200,100
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020		\$	2,046,600
Decreased by: Year End Encumbrances Capital Reserve Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year	\$ 127,848 1,446,634 99,423 6,595	Ψ	•
Total Unassigned Fund Balance			1,680,500
SECTION 3		\$	366,100
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		\$	106,000
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus		Φ	100,000
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Years Restricted Excess Surplus		\$	99,423 106,000
Total		 \$	205,423
* Detail of Allowable Adjustment		Ψ	203,423
Extraordinary Aid Non Public Transportation Aid Reimbursement		\$	7,989 2,111
		\$	10,100

RECOMMENDATIONS
I. Administrative Practices and Procedures
There are none.
II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
There are none.
III. School Purchasing Program
There are none.
IV. School Food Services
There are none.
V. Student Body Activities
There are none.
VI. Application for State School Aid
There are none.
VII. Pupil Transportation
There are none.
VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets
There are none.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

# IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

# X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior year's recommendations. Corrective action was taken on the prior year recommendations.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

Dieter P. Lerch

Public School Accountant Certified Public Accountant