HANOVER PARK REGIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF MORRIS

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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December 14, 2020

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Hanover Park Regional High School District County of Morris, 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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Hanover Park Regional High School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2020.

As part of our audit, we 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 letter does not affect our report dated December 14, 2020, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of our suggestions and comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed the suggestions and any comments with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing our suggestions or recommendations.

This report is intended for the information of the Hanover Park Regional High School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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#### 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, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

#### Administrative Practices and Procedures

#### Insurance

Multi-peril insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's CAFR.

#### Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Coverage
Susan Young	Treasurer	\$ 255,000
William F. Albert, Jr.	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	255,000

#### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the change in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

#### Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of 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. Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the general fund.

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

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendents, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by March 15<sup>th</sup> due date.

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#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

#### Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

#### Classification of General and Administrative Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.2(g) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, we reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.4. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. 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 Records**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

#### Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

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

The E.S.E.A financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the District's CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title III and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

#### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B 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.

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#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State of Federal Salary Expenditures

The T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2020. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

#### N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 states:

- a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the Board of Education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the Board of Education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999, c. 440 takes effect and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the Board of Education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made . . . . "
- N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Board of Education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law . . . ."

Effective July 1, 2015, the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3 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 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 the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

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#### School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

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. General compliance was noted.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", 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.

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.

#### School Food Service

The District does not participate in the Child Nutrition Program and therefore received no federal or state support.

#### **Student Body Activities**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities Fund for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted below.

#### Finding:

Our examination of the student body activities collections revealed that the actual date of receipt was not recorded in all cases at the Whippany Park High School.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the actual date of receipt is recorded in all cases for student body activities collections at the Whippany Park High School.

#### Management's Response:

Procedures will be reviewed and consistently applied to ensure that, in all cases, the actual date of receipt is recorded for student body activities collections at the Whippany Park High School.

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#### Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual and low income. 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 no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test check basis with no 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 audit procedures included 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 no 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 of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes.

#### Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreements for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the Capital Reserve Account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

#### Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved prior by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending.

Our review of the travel policies and records revealed that the District is in general compliance with the travel regulations.

#### Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The District did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the NJ Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

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#### **Management Suggestions**

#### Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

Due to COVID-19, the GASB postponed the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Based on guidance from the NJ Department of Education and GASB, the activity for student activities, payroll agency, unemployment compensation trust, flexible spending trust and private purpose scholarship trust funds will no longer be reported in the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. This activity will now be reported in the General (payroll agency, flexible spending and unemployment compensation) and Special Revenue (student activities and scholarship) Funds.

#### Effect on Internal Controls due to COVID-19

With the increase in employees working remotely due to COVID-19 especially those in the Business Office it is vital that the District routinely reviews the internal controls in place especially with respect to security of passwords as well as access rights to accounting software and bank information including bank wire transfers and the timely back-up of records.

#### Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendation regarding maintaining necessary documentation on file for students reported on the DRTRS has been resolved and is not included in the current year.

# APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

		2020-2021	2020-2021 Application for	1 for State Sα	State School Aid			<b>0</b> 1	Sample for	Sample for Verification		
	Reported on	ted on	Repor	Reported on			San	Sample	Verified per	ed per	Errors per	s per
	A.S.S.A.	S.A.	Workpaper	papers			Selecte	Selected from	Registers	sters	Registers	sters
	On Roll	Roll	On	On Roll	Errors	ors	Work	Workpapers	On Roll	Roll	On Roll	Roll
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Grade Nine	278		278				278		278			
Grade Ten	321		321				321		321			
Grade Eleven	301	14	301	14			301	14	301	14		
Grade Twelve	295	17	295	17			295	17	295	17		
Subtotal	1,195	31	1,195	31			1,195	31	1,195	31		
Special Ed - High School	199	24	199	24			20	3	20	3		
Subtotal	199	24	199	24			20	3	20	3		
Totals	1,394	55	1,394	55	- 0 -	-0-	1,215	34	1,215	34	- 0 -	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

Reported on A.S.S.A. as Sample Private for Disabled A.S.Sample Private for Sample Schools Verification
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#### Resident LEP Low Income

	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 Scores, Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade Nine	1	1		1	1	
Grade Ten	1	1		1	1	
Grade Eleven	2	2		1	1	
Subtotal	4	4		3	3	
Totals	4		- 0 -	3	3	- 0 -
Percentage Error		=	0.00%			0.00%

#### Resident LEP Not Low Income

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	Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not Low	LEP Not Low		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Grade Nine	4	4		1	1	
Grade Ten	3	3		1	1	
Grade Eleven	8	8		2	2	
Subtotal	15	15		4	4	
Special Ed - High School	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal						
Totals	16	16	- 0 -	5	5	- 0 -
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

			Transport	ation		
	Reported	Reported				
	on DRTRS	on DRTRS				
	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	951	951		25	25	
Regular - Special Education	6.5	6.5		2	2	
Transported - Non Public	53	53		7	7	
AIL - Non Public	186	186		25	25	
Special Needs - Public	7.0	7.0		3	3	
Special Needs - Private	28.5	28.5		4	4	
Totals	1,232	1,232	- 0 -	66	66	- 0 -
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	5.5	5.5
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students  Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	5.5	5.5
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	8.0	8.0

# HANOVER PARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

#### **REGULAR DISTRICT**

#### **SECTION 1**

2%	Calculation	of Excess	Surplus

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR Increased by:  Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Decreased by:  On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 4,576,45	0- (B1a) 0- (B1b) 50 (B2a) 0- (B2b)	) )		
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 33,333,13	84 (B3)			
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustments	\$ 666,66	63 (B4) 63 (B5) 75 (K)			
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		:	\$	1,037,338	(M)
SECTION 2					
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year - End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures July 1, 2020 - August 1, 2020	\$ 2,720,44 \$ 1,534,95 \$ 269,83	70 (C1) (C2)			
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		:	\$	5,322,958	(U1)
SECTION 3					
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE,	ENTER -0-		\$	4,285,620	(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020					
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expendit Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	itures		\$	2,720,445 4,285,620	-
Total[(C3)+(E)]		:	\$	7,006,065	(D)

# HANOVER PARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

#### **Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above

Impact Aid Sale and Lease-Back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ \$ \$	-0- -0- 359,667 11,008	(I) (J1)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$	370,675	
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances			
Statutory Restrictions:			
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$	-0-	
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$	-0-	
Capital Reserve	\$	1,481,093	
Maintenance Reserve	\$	53,859	
Tuition Reserve	\$	-0-	
Emergency Reserve	\$	-0-	
Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve	\$	-0-	

\$

-0-

## HANOVER PARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

#### It is recommended that:

1. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u>

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Program

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

The actual date of receipt is recorded in all cases for student body activities collections at the Whippany Park High School.

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. <u>Facilities and Capital Assets</u>

None

9. <u>Summer Enrichment</u>

None

10. Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

None

11. <u>Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities</u>

None

12. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendation regarding maintaining necessary documentation on file for students reported on the DRTRS has been resolved and is not included in the current year.