LITTLE FALLS 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 Education Township of Little Falls County of Passaic, 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 Little Falls Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 18, 2020

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

## Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator 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 <u>CAFR</u>.

#### Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Carol Delsandro	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary (7/1/2019 – 10/14/2019)	\$200,000
Joseph Abate	Interim School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary (10/15/2019 – 12/31/2019)	\$200,000
Christopher Jones	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary (1/1/2020 – 6/30/2020)	\$200,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with NJSBAIG covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any discrepancies with respect to 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 certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and approved by the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium withholding due to the general fund.

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

#### Payroll Account (Continued)

Payrolls were delivered to the secretary of the board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

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.

# 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.

#### <u>Travel</u>

The District had an approved Board travel policy as required by NJAC 6A:23A-6.13 and NJSA 18A:11-12.

#### 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 additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the proprietary of expenditure classification.

#### Board Secretary's Records

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

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

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

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

#### Board Secretary's Records (Continued)

**Finding** – Our audit revealed that one-line item was over expended at year end. This was a result of transfers made during the year to capital outlay construction services that were for capital outlay equipment. The budget transfer and charges were moved in the financial statements. However, \$49,000 of the expenditures were for facilities improvement and could not be transferred out to the equipment line causing the over expenditure. This over expenditure was isolated, therefore no recommendation was warranted.

**Finding** – Our audit revealed that the district did not maintain a detail fixed asset reporting system. However, the district did provide an excel worksheets for additions and deletions. In addition, our review of transactions reveled unrecorded fixed assets that were charged to non-capital outlay lines and contain capital outlay charges that were less than \$2,000 for supplies.

**Recommendation** – It is recommended that the district maintain a current fixed asset reporting that includes detail asset values and the district properly records all additions on an annual basis.

Monthly Board Secretary's payment and certifications were approved by the Board in a timely manner.

#### Treasurer's Records (Chief School Administrator)

The Chief School Administrator did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account, payroll agency account, unemployment account and food service account (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9).

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

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 the projects under Titles I, II, III, IV and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

#### I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting was maintained for each approved project. Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by board resolution and recorded in the minutes.

#### 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.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursements to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

Not Applicable.

#### School Purchasing Programs

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of school funds, not included within the terms of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, shall be made and awarded only by the board of education after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in, or calculated by the Governor pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-3 except by contract or agreement".

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:39-3(a) are \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The District's Business Administrator is qualified and the District, by Board resolution, has increased the bid threshold to \$40,000. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,600.

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 Solicitor'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 goods or service, 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 that any individual payments, contracts, or agreements which were 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, amended.

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 that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

#### **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.

#### **School Food Service (Continued)**

Therefore, SFAs 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 SFAs 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.

SFAs 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 or state program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the (SFA) School Food Authority 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 Assets (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Net cash resources did not exceed there month average operating expenses.

#### **Student Body Activity**

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records were maintained in good condition.

Cash receipts were promptly deposited. (N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.12). Cash disbursements had property supporting documentation (N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.12).

#### 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 handicapped, low-income 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 an isolated exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with isolated 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 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. 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 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.

## Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings.

#### **Acknowledgement**

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

# LITTLE FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# NOT APPLICABLE

1

# FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# Net Cash Resources:

CAFR * B-4 B-4 B-4 B-4	<b>Current Assets</b> Cash & Cash Equiv. Due from Other Gov'ts Accounts Receivable Investments	\$	70,564 9,609	
<b>CAFR</b> B-4 B-4 B-4	<b>Current Liabilities</b> Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds		(22,342)	
B-4	Less Deferred Revenue		(11,711)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$	46,120	(A)
Net Adj. Total Operating Exp	bense:			
B-5 B-5	Tot. Operating Exp. Less Depreciation		306,830 (401)	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	. <u></u>	306,429	(B)
Average Monthly Operating	Expense:			
	B / 10		30,643	(C)
Three times monthly Averag	e:			
	3 X C		91,929	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A	\$ 46,120 01.020			
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET	91,929 <b>\$ (45,809)</b>			

From above:

D is greater than A, cash does not exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

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

	2019-20 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification					<b>Private Schools for Disabled</b>						
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-	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool						_										
Full Day Preschool - 3yr	- 7	-	- 7	-				-		-	-	-				
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	6	_	6	_			6		6		_	-				
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	-	-		_	6	-	6	-	-	_				
Full Day Kindergarten	91	_	91	_			91	_	91	_		_				
One	64		64			_	64	_	64	_	_	_				
Two	93	_	93			_	93	_	93			-				
Three	66	_	62			_	66	-	66							
Four	76		76	-		_	76	_	76	-						
Five	73	_	73	_	•	_	76		76	_	_	_				
Six	70	_	70	_		-	73	-	73	-	_	_				
Seven	88	-	88	-	-	-	70	-	70	-	-	-				
Eight	82	-	82	-	-	-	88	-	88	-	-	_				
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-				
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	-				
Eleven	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																
Subtotal	716	-	712	-	-		716		716	-	-			-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	116	-	116	-	-	-	35	-	35	-	-	-			4	(4)
Special Ed - Middle School	56	-	57	-	(1)	-	17	· -	17	-	-	-	1	1	3	(2)
Special Ed - High School		<u> </u>						<u> </u>						-		<u> </u>
Subtotal	172	<u> </u>	173		(1)	<u> </u>	52	<u> </u>	52	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>l</u>	1	7	(6)
Co. Voc Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	888		885		(1)		768		768				1	1	7	(6)
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Percentage Error					-0.11%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				-600.00%
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#### LITTLE FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Re	Resident Low Income			le for Verification	Sample for Verification			e	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	
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool													
Half Day Kindegarten	23.0	23.0	-	6.0	6.0		2.0	2.0		2.0	2.0		
Full Day Kindergarten One	8.0	9.0	(1.0)	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	
Two	21.0	22.0	(1.0)	6.0	6.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	
Three	15.0	15.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	2.0	2.0	_	2.0	2.0	_	
Four	14.0	14.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Five	21.0	21.0	-	6.0	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Six	12.0	13.0	(1.0)	3.0	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Seven	14.0	14.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eight	22.0	23.0	(1.0)	6.0	6.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	
Nine		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eleven	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	150.0	154.0	(4.0)	41.0	41.0	-	6.0	6.0	-	6.0	6.0	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	27.0	28.0	(1.0)	8.0	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - Middle	15.0	17.0	(2.0)	4.0	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - High	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-		-	-	-	
Subtotal	42.0	45.0	(3.0)	12.0	12.0	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	192.0	199.0	(7.0)	53.0	53.0		6.0	6.0		6.0	6.0		
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Percentage Error			-3.65%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	
	 Reported on	Reported on	Transpo	rtation									
	DRTRS by DOE/county	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors							

29.0

5.0

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15.0

49.0

29.0

5.0

15.0

49.0

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Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1 Reg-SpEd, col. 4 Transported - Non-Public, col. 3 Special Ed Spec, col. 6 Totals

90.0

16.0

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Percentage Error

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

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Inc	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		
Half Day Preschool								
Full Day Preschool								
Half Day Kindegarten								
Full Day Kindergarten	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-		
One	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-		
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Three	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-		
Four	-	м	-	-	-	-		
Five	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-		
Six	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-		
Seven	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-		
Eight	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-		
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Twelve	-	-	-		-	-		
Post-Graduate								
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)								
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)						<u></u>		
Subtotal	9.0	9.0	-	9.0	9.0	-		
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Special Ed - Middle	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Special Ed - High		-	-	_	-			
Subtotal	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0			
Co. Voc Regular								
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.								
Totals	9.0	9.0		9.0	9.0	-		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		

# LITTLE FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# SECTION 1

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1		\$	18,102,036
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			2,704,535
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		\$	15,397,501
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		\$	307,950
Enter Greater of 2% or \$250,000			307,950
Allowable Adjustment		+	83,751
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		\$	391,701
SECTION 2			
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2020 Decreased by: Restricted Fund Balance:		\$	5,712,283
Capital Reserve	\$ 3,168,202		
Maintenance Reserve Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	555,440 718,720		
Committed Fund Balance:	/10,/20		
Year End Encumbrances	121,179		
Assigned Fund Balance:	00 110		
Year End Encumbrances Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditure	99,119 45,939		
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Total Unassigned Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation		\$	1,003,684
SECTION 3			
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		<u>\$</u>	611,983
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020			
Restricted for Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted for Excess Surplus		\$	718,720 611,983
Restricted for Excess Surplus			011,505
		<u>\$</u>	1,330,703
Detail of Allowable Adjustments			
Extraordinary Aid		\$	83,751
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		\$	83,751

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

# **II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**

It is recommended that the district maintain a current fixed asset reporting that includes detail asset values and the district properly records all additions on an annual basis.

#### **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. Miscellaneous

There are none.

# Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year audit recommendations.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

and

Paul J. Lerch Public School Accountant Certified Public Accountant