Auditor's Management Report

for the

Borough of Middlesex School District

in the

County of Middlesex New Jersey

for the

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Middlesex County of Middlesex Middlesex, New Jersey 08846

We have audited, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Borough of Middlesex School District in the County of Middlesex for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report dated December 21, 2020.

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

This report is intended solely for the information of the Borough of Middlesex School District, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Education and federal and state audit awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT NO. 948

December 21, 2020

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, the activities of the Borough of Middlesex - Board of Education, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed in the District's CAFR. (See Exhibit J-20)

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	Position	Amount <u>Of Bonds</u>
John P. Kayser	Treasurer of School Monies	\$270,000.00
Michele A. Loree	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	100,000.00
All Employees	All Employee Faithful Position Bond	250,000.00

Adequacy of insurance coverage is the responsibility of the Board of Education.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs differed from the estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the difference in per pupil costs in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A-23-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

Our audit of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certifications or supporting documentation.

Payroll Accounts

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Net Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

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

Payroll Accounts (Continued)

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

Position Control Roster

The Position Control Roster was reviewed and compared to payroll records, employee benefit records and charges made to the general ledger to ensure proper and consistent financial reporting and that employee benefits are only offered to current employees.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

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

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 errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The records maintained by the Board Secretary were in agreement with the records maintained by the Treasurer of School Monies.

Treasurer's Records

The records maintained by the Treasurer of School Monies were in satisfactory condition and were in agreement with the records maintained by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act 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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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.

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.

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.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund.

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

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 \$29,000.00, 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 therefor, 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 (C.40A:11-9) the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$40,000.00. Such authorization may be granted or each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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 \$1,000.00. 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 every year in which it is made. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months."

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 therefor, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law.

The board of education may, by resolution approve by the majority of the board of education and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the board of education finds that it has had negative prior experience with the bidder."

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent), \$29,000.00 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18:39-3 is currently \$19,600.00.

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 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 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 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 provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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 audit did reveal however, that the District did make purchases under 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 and 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 eligible students during the period of school closures.

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 eligible students.

SFAs were notified of the requirements to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all eligible students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/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 had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

In addition, we 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 charges in fund net position (CAFR exhibit B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program costs of goods sold.

School Food Service (Continued)

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

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 contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will return an operating profit of at least \$30,000.00. The operating provision has been met. 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.

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 costs applicable to the emergency operations.

2020-01 Finding: Net cash resources exceeded three months average expenditures.

<u>2020-01 Recommendation:</u> Appropriate action be taken to ensure that net cash resources of the Food Service Fund do not exceed (3) months average expenditures.

Student Body Activities

The records for the Student Body Activities were maintained in satisfactory condition.

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, 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 without 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 had written procedures for the recording of student enrollment.

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. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. 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 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 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 submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Follow-Up Prior Year's Audit Findings

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, our procedures included a review of the prior year audit recommendations. There were no prior year audit findings.

Recommendations

Administrative Practices and Procedures
None
Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
None
School Purchasing Program
None
School Food Service
2020-01 Recommendation: Appropriate action be taken to ensure that net cash resources of the Food Service Fund do not exceed (3) months average expenditures.
Student Body Activities
None
Application for State School Aid
None
Pupil Transportation
None
Facilities and Capital Assets
None
Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities
None
Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
None

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

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Half Day PreSchool	16		16		0		10		10		0					
Full Day Kindergarten	168		168		0		15		15		0					
One	153		153		0		17		17		0					
Two	121		121		0		18		18		0					
Three	136		136		0		16		16		0					
Four	135		135		0		17		17		0					
Five	120		120		0		15		15		0					
Six	112		112		0		18		18		0					
Seven	139		139		0		16		16		0					
Eight	138		138		0		16		16		0					
Nine	118		118	0	0	0	15		15		0	0				
Ten	140		140	0	0	0	15		15		0	0				
Eleven	140		140	0	0	0	17		17		0	0				
Twelve	130		130	0	0	0	15		15		0	0				
Subtotal	1766	0	1766	0	0	0	220	0	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SpEd Elementary	124		124		0		22		22		0		7	~	-	0
SpEd Middle School	88		88	0	0	0	21		21		0	0				0
SpEd High School	93	2.0	93	2.0	0	0	20	-	70	-	0	0	4.5	4	4	0
Subtotal	305	2	305	2	0	0	63	1	63	-	0	0	6.5	5	5	0
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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

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Full Day Kindergarten	36	36	0	13	13	0	15	15	0	=======================================	1	0
One	46	46	0	16	16	0	80	80	0	9	9	0
Two	40	40	0	15	15	0	19	19	0	14	14	0
Three	42	42	0	15	15	0	∞	8	0	9	9	0
Four	46	46	0	16	16	0	7	7	0	5	5	0
Five	54	54	0	19	19	0	10	10	0	∞	80	0
Six	43	43	0	15	15	0	7	8	0	2	2	0
Seven	20	20	0	18	18	0		11	0	6	6	0
Eight	42	42	0	15	15	0	က	က	0	2	2	0
Nine	48	48	0	17	17	0	4	4	0	က	က	0
Ten	30	30	0	=======================================	=	0	4	4	0	က	က	0
Eleven	39	39	0	14	4	0	ო	က	0	2	2	0
Twelve	31	31	0	=	#	0	1	-	0	-	-	0
Subtotal	547	547	0	195	195	0	95	95	0	72	72	0
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SpEd Elementary	42	42	0	15	15	0	2	2	0	~	γ-	0
SpEd Middle School	36	36	0	=	=	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SpEd High School	33.0	33.0	0	F	11	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
Subtotal	111.0	111.0	0	37	37	0	3	3	0	2	2	0
Totals	658.0	658.0	0	232	232	0	86	88	0	74	74	0
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Reg SpEd, col.4	22	22	0	1	11	0						
NonPublic - AIL, col.3	95	96	0	46	46	0						
Transported - Non-Public, col.2	-	-	0	-	τ	0						
Special Ed Spec, col.6	55	55	0	26	26	0						
Totals	305	305	0	146	146	0						
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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

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	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors
Half Day Preschool	0	0	0	0	0	0
Full Day Kindergarten	10	10	0	∞	80	0
One	5	5	0	4	4	0
Two	10	10	0	∞	80	0
Three	က	က	0	2	2	0
Four	9	9	0	5	5	0
Five	_	τ-	0	-	~	0
Six	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seven	က	က	0	2	2	0
Eight	2	2	0	-	~	0
Nine	_		0	-	-	0
Ten	က	ო	0	2	7	0
Eleven	_	_	0	-	-	0
Twelve	2	2	0	1	1	0
Subtotal	47	47	0	36	36	0
SpEd Elementary	9	9	0	ĸ	ß	0
SpEd Middle School	2	2	0	_	_	0
SpEd High School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	8	8	0	9	9	0
Totals	55	55	0	42	42	0

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BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

2% Calcu	lation of	Excess	Surplus

2019 - 2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by: Transfer to Food Service Fund Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Decreased by:	\$_ 	108,200.00		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets acquired under Capital Leases	\$_	5,701,279.12		
Adjusted 2019 - 2020 General Fund Expenditures	-		\$	34,457,090.37
2% of Adjusted 2019 - 2020 General Fund Expenditures			\$_	689,141.81
Greater of line above or \$250,000.00			\$_	689,141.81
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment			\$	449,158.00
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance			\$_	1,138,299.81
SECTION 2				
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-20 Decreased by:	\$_	5,880,225.62		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$_	83,505.14		
Legally Restricted-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$_			
Legally Restricted-Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Resticted Fund Balances:	\$_	741,657.00		
Maintenance Reserve	\$_	503,300.00		
Capital Reserve	\$_	2,372,531.47		
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$_			
Total Unassigned Fund Balance			\$_	2,179,232.01

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus	\$ 1,040,932.20
Recapitulation of excess surplus as of June 30, 2020	
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 741,657.00
Reserved Excess Surplus	\$ 1,040,932.20
Total Excess Surplus	\$ 1,782,589.20
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Extraordinary Aid Additional Non-Public School Transportation Aid	\$ 448,868.00 290.00
	\$ 449,158.00