### NORTHERN BURLINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Columbus, New Jersey County of Burlington** 

Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings -Financial, Compliance and Performance for The Year Ended June 30, 2020

## MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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# AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Northern Burlington County Regional School District County of Burlington Columbus, New Jersey 08022

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Northern Burlington County Regional School District in the County of Burlington for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2021.

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 report is intended for the information of the Northern Burlington County Regional 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Medford, New Jersey January 21, 2021

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# ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

### **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, 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 detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the School District's CAFR.

### Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard Kaz	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$100,000
Amy Lerner	Treasurer of School Monies	300,000

There is a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with coverage of \$25,000.

### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The School District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil cost in accordance with *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-17.1(f)3*.

### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

### **Examination of Claims**

A sample examination of claims paid during the period under the review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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

### **Payroll Account**

The net salaries of sampled employees of the board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employee's payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

### **Employee Position Control Roster**

A sample inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found no inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

### **Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted.

### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23 A-16.29(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of a sample of 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, a transaction error rate of 0% percent overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

### **Board Secretary's Records**

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the board secretary were found to be in satisfactory condition.

### **Treasurer's Records**

The School District does not maintain a Treasurer.

# 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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I, II, III and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The School 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 sample 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.

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

Our audit procedures included a sample test of the biweekly reimbursements 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. 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**

*N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1* et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general is available on the website: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html">http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html</a>.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature (http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/) website.

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 law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019-20.

### **School Purchasing Programs (continued):**

The district 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.

Based on the results of our tests on sample basis, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements 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.

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

### **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, 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 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.

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

### **Student Body Activities**

Our review of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated they were in satisfactory condition.

### **Application for State School Aid (ASSA)**

Our audit procedures included a sample 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, and bilingual. We also performed a review on a sample basis of the School District's procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the School 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 School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms of their equivalent.

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

### **Pupil Transportation**

Our audit procedures included a sample 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 sample of transportation contracts and purchases. Based on our sample, the School 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 sampling of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

### 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**

In accordance with audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, our procedures included a review of all prior year findings reported in the prior year's Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance.

### Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Findings

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

### Acknowledgment

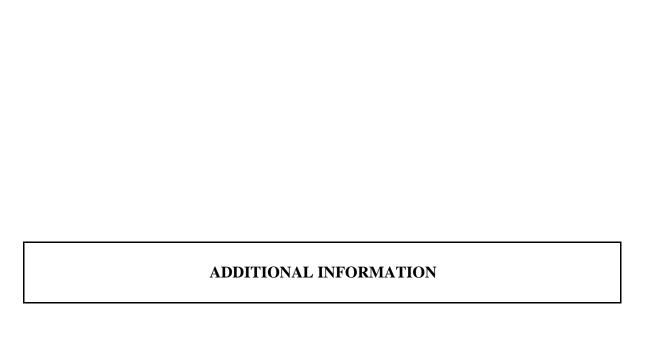
We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Medford, New Jersey January 21, 2021



# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (1)

# NORTHERN BURLINGTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

1	2020-	2021 Api	plication	2020-2021 Application for State School Aid	School	Aid		Sam	ple for V	Sample for Verification	ı		Private	Schools f	Private Schools for Disabled	þ
•	Reported on A.S.S.A.	ted on S.A.	Repor Work	Reported on Workpapers			Sample Selected from	ole I from	Verified per Registers	ed per sters	Errors per Registers		Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Sample for		
	On Roll	Roll	On	On Roll	Err	Errors	Workpapers	apers	On Roll	Roll	On Roll		Private	Verifi-		Sample Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Full Shared	Full	Full Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full Shared		Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Seven	292	ı	292	ı	1	ı	43	1	43	ı		ı	1	ı	ı	1
Eight	324	•	324		ı	,	4 4	ı	44			,	ı	•	ı	ı
Nine	324	1	324	1	ı	1	43	ı	43	1	ı	1	1	1	ı	,
Ten	309	,	309	,	ı	,	43	ı	43	,	1	1	ı	1	ı	1
Eleven	258	,	258	,	ı	,	43	ı	43	,	1	1	•	1	ı	,
Twelve	270	1	270	1	ı	1	43	1	43		1		1	1	1	1
Subtotal	1,777	-	1,777	1	-		259		259	1			ı	1	1	ı
Special Ed - Middle School	156	1	156	1	1	ı	10	ı	10	1	1	1	2	2	2	ı
Special Ed - High School	237	1	237	,	1	1	16	1	16	ı	1	1	17	14	14	ı
Subtotal	393		393	1		,	26		26	1	1		19	16	16	1
Totals	2,170	'	2,170	1	1		285	1	285	,		1	19	16	16	1
Percentage Error				II	0.00%	0.00% 0.00%				II	0.00% 0.00%	%00.			II	0.00%

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (2)

# NORTHERN BURLINGTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Re	Resident Low Income	ле				Residen	Resident LEP Low Income	ne			
-	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Sample for Verification	u	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Sample for Verification	u
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as		Selected from	Verified to Application	Sample	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as		Selected from	Verified to	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	Income	Income	Errors		and Register	
Seven	30	30	1	15	15	1				1		1
Eight	4	4	1	23	23	,	1	1	1	1	1	,
Nine	25	25		13	13	,	2	2	,	2	2	,
Ten	25	25	1	13	13		4	4		1	1	,
Eleven	25	25	1	13	13	•	2	2	,	1	1	
Twelve	30	30	1	13	13	ı	'	1	1		1	
Subtotal	179	179	1	06	06	1	6	6	1	5	S	1
Special Ed - Middle School	37	37		19	19		1	1	,	ı	•	
Special Ed - High School	45	45		23	23		•	'		1		'
Subtotal	82	82	1	42	42	1	1	1		1	•	,
Totals	261	261	'	132	132	,	6	6	1	5	S	1
Percentage Error			0.00%	ıı.		0.00%			%00.0	<u></u>		0.00%
		Reported on	Reported on	Transportation	iion							
		DRTRS by DOE/county	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					
Reg Public Schools, col. 1		1,433	1,433		211	211	ı					
Reg -SpEd, col. 4		291	291	1	43	43	ı					
Aid-in-Lieu, col. 2		55		•	∞	∞	1					
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	ol. 3	57		1	8	∞	1					
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	I	09	09	1	6	6		_				
Totals	11	1,896	1,896	'	279	279	,	-				
Percentage Error				0.00%		**	0.00%	_				

### SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (3)

### NOTHERN BURLINGTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

		EP NOT Low Inc	ome	Sample f	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
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	2	2	-	1	1	-
Ten	1	1	-	1	1	-
Eleven	2	2	-	1	1	-
Twelve	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	6	6		4	4	
Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High	1	1	- -	1	1	- -
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
Totals	7	7		5	5	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

### EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

### REGULAR DISTRICTS

### SECTION 1

A.	2%	<b>Calculation of Excess Sur</b>	plus
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2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 45,808,305	(B)
Increased by:		•
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 350,000	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$ -	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ -	(B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 5,050,470	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 295,000	(B2b)
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 40,812,835	(B3)
2% of adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 816,257	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 816,257	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 1,586,800	(K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$	2,403,057 (M)

### **SECTION 2**

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 06/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary		
Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 17,951,071	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-End Encumbrances	\$ 7,431,218	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ -	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent		
Year's Expenditures**	\$ 304,152	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$ 6,145,187	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent		
Year's Expenditures	\$ 985,626	(C5)
Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for		
Subsequent Year's Expenditures (July 1, 2020 - August 14, 2020)	\$ 438,710	(C6)****
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]	\$	2,646,178 (U1)

### **REGULAR DISTRICTS (continued):**

### **SECTION 3**

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus \*\*\* [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0
\* 243,121 (E)

\*Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures \*\*

\* 304,152 (C3)

\* Reserved Excess Surplus \*\*\* [(E)]

\* 547,273 (D)

### Footnotes:

- \* Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:
  - (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L. 2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve General (8002 of 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
  - (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
  - (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
  - (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
  - (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
  - (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

### **Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Impact Aid	\$ 1,285,732	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ -	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 284,538	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 16,530	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ -	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ -	(J4)
Total Adjustments $[(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]$	\$ 1,586,800	(K)

<sup>\*\*</sup> This amount represents the June 30, 2019 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.

### **Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Statutory	Restrictions:
Statutory	resultations.

Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ -	
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$ -	
Capital Reserve	\$ 4,568,346	
Maintenance Reserve	\$ -	
Emergency Reserve	\$ -	
Tuition Reserve	\$ -	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	\$ -	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	\$ -	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$ 1,576,841	
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$ -	
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$ -	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance Not Noted Above] ****	\$ -	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 6,145,187	(C4)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Amount must agree to the June 30, 2020 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not legally imposed by another type of government such as the judicial branch of government must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Increase in Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's expenditures July 1, 2020 to August 14, 2020 resulting from decrease in state aid after adoption of 2020-21 district budget.

### AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

### For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

### Northern Burlington Regional School District

### Recommendations:

None

2.	Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting
	None
3.	School Purchasing Programs
	None
4.	School Food Service
	None
5.	Student Body Activities
	None
6.	Application for State School Aid
	None
7.	Pupil Transportation
	None
8.	Facilities and Capital Assets
	None
9.	Miscellaneous
	None
10.	Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
	There were no prior year findings.

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures