

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2020**

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
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- FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

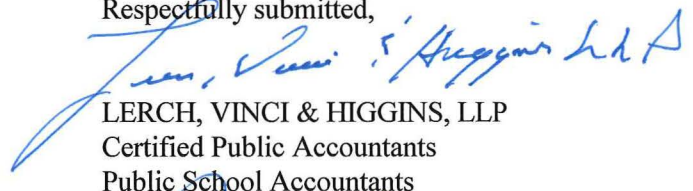
Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Trustees
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Oakland, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with audit 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 Oakland Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2021.

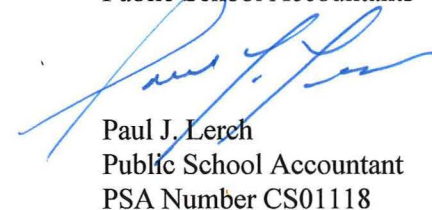
As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
January 22, 2021

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Scope of Audit

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

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as reported on Exhibit J-20 as contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ms. Annette M. Wells	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$260,000
Ms. Judith Favino	Treasurer of School Monies	260,000

There is Employees' Dishonesty with Faithful Performance coverage with Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did reveal discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including employee health benefit contribution withholdings due to the General Fund. 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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3.

As a result of the procedures performed, no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test expenditure classification.

Travel

The District has adopted a policy regulating travel.

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed. Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account, payroll agency account and the food service accounts.

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the Board Secretary's records.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Fund.

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

Our examination 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.

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

Our examination 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 Fund section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

IDEA 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.

Non-Public State Aid

Project completion reports were finalized and transmitted to the State by the due date.

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 material exceptions were noted.

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

There were none.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter 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 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019/20. The Board has designated the Business Administrator as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the District.

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 Board Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or 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 indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements 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.

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

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Food Service Fund

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. The program expenditures did not exceed \$100,000 in federal and/or state support.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in good condition.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The district utilizes a food service management company (FSMC), Pomptonian 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 have a profit of \$5,000, due to COVID the operating results provision has not been met.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

Exhibits reflecting the District’s Food Service Program are reflected on Exhibits B-4, B-5 and B-6 of the District’s CAFR.

Student Activity Funds

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

All receipts tested were deposited in a timely manner. All cash disbursements tested had proper supporting documentation.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private school for the handicapped, low-income, and bilingual education. 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 immaterial exceptions. 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.

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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 isolated 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. 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 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. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year recommendations except for the recommendation denoted with the asterisk.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The District had no SDA grant projects during the year. The District maintained district capital assets records.

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

NOT APPLICABLE

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE
Proprietary Funds - Food Service
FYE 2020**

Net Cash Resources:

Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equiv.	\$	51,387
Due from Other Gov'ts		1,220
Accounts Receivable		
Investments		
 Current Liabilities		
Less Accounts Payable		(10,383)
Less Accruals		
Less Due to Other Funds		
Less Deferred Revenue		<u>(27,542)</u>
 Net Cash Resources		 <u>14,682</u> (A)

Net Adj. Total Operating Expense:

Tot. Operating Exp.	\$	376,664	
Less Depreciation		<u>(7,462)</u>	
 Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.		 <u>369,202</u>	 (B)

Average Monthly Operating Expense:

B / 10	\$	<u>36,920</u>	(C)
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Three times monthly Average:

3 X C	\$	<u>110,761</u>	(D)
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TOTAL IN BOX A	\$	<u>14,682</u>
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$	<u>110,761</u>
NET	\$	<u>(96,079)</u>

From above:

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

**OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019**

	2020-21 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on Original A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared					
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	107	-	107	-	-	-	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 1	150	-	150	-	-	-	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 2	111	-	111	-	-	-	42	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 3	118	-	118	-	-	-	46	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 4	124	-	124	-	-	-	48	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 5	114	-	114	-	-	-	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 6	131	-	131	-	-	-	131	-	131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 7	110	-	110	-	-	-	110	-	109	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 8	145	-	145	-	-	-	145	-	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	1,110	-	1,110	-	-	-	642	-	641	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed- Elementary	144	-	144	-	-	-	27	-	27	-	-	-	9	8	8	-	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	75	-	75	-	-	-	15	-	14	-	1	-	12	10	10	-	-
Sp Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	219	-	219	-	-	-	42	-	41	-	1	-	21	18	18	-	-
Totals	1,329	-	1,329	-	-	-	684	-	682	-	2	-	21	18	18	-	-
Percentage Error					<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>					<u>0.29%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>				<u>0.00%</u>	

**OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)												
Half Day Kindergarten												
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1		1	1	-	1	1		1	1	
Grade 1	6	6		6	6	-						
Grade 2	7	7		7	7	-						
Grade 3	6	6		6	6	-	1	1		1	1	
Grade 4	5	5		5	5	-						
Grade 5	13	13		13	13	-	2	2		2	2	
Grade 6	2	2		2	2	-	1	1		1	1	
Grade 7	8	8		2	2	-	1	1				
Grade 8	2	2				-						
Grade 9						-						
Grade 10	-	-		-	-	-						
Grade 11	-	-		-	-	-						
Grade 12	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Subtotal	50	50	-	42	42	-	6	6	-	5	5	
Sp Ed - Elementary	22	18	4	18	18	-	7	7		7	7	
Sp Ed - Middle School	11	11				-	1	1				
Sp Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	33	29	4	18	18	-	8	8	-	7	7	-
Totals	83	79	4	60	60	-	14	14	-	12	12	-
Percentage Error			4.82%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools	158	158		35	35	-
Special Ed. - Public	21	21		4	4	-
Transported - Non - Public	13	13		3	2	(1)
Special Needs - Public	56	56		13	13	-
Subtotal	248	248	-	55	54	(1)
Percentage Error			0.00%			-1.82%

**OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	<u>Resident LEP Not Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on A.S.S.A</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)						-
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)						-
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)						-
Half Day Kindergarten						-
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1		1	1	-
Grade 1	1	1		1	1	-
Grade 2						-
Grade 3	3	3		3	3	-
Grade 4						-
Grade 5	1	1		1	1	-
Grade 6	2	2		1	1	-
Grade 7	1	1		1	1	-
Grade 8						-
Grade 9						-
Grade 10						-
Grade 11						-
Grade 12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>
Sp Ed - Elementary	3	3		3	3	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	1	1				-
Sp Ed - High School						-
Subtotal	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>0.00%</u>	11		<u>0.00%</u>	

**OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	36,371,179	
Decreased by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		4,790,779	
		<u>4,790,779</u>	
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	\$	<u>31,580,400</u>	
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	\$		631,608
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments			
Extraordinary Aid in Excess of Amount Budgeted			290,076
Nonpublic School Transportation Aid			<u>2,061</u>
			<u>292,137</u>
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance			<u>\$ 923,745</u>
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2020	\$		5,541,877
Decreased by:			
Year End Encumbrances	\$	63,763	
Legally Restricted- Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		760,100	
Emergency Reserve		305,139	
Emergency Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditure		112,250	
Capital Reserve		1,965,145	
Maintenance Reserve		589,635	
Maintenance Reserve- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		<u>62,100</u>	
			<u>3,858,132</u>
Total Unassigned Unrestricted Fund Balance			<u>\$ 1,683,745</u>
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus			<u>\$ 760,000</u>
<u>Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020</u>			
Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus			\$ 1,520,100
Reserve Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	760,100	
Reserve Excess Surplus		<u>760,000</u>	
Total Excess Surplus			<u>\$ 1,520,100</u>

OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. **Administration Practices and Procedures**

There are none.

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

There are none.

III. **School Purchasing Program**

There are none.

IV. **Food Service Fund**

There are none.

V. **Student Activity Funds**

There are none.

VI. **Application for State School Aid**

There are none.

VII. **Pupil Transportation**

There are none.

VIII. **Facilities and Capital Assets**

There are none.

VIII. **Miscellaneous**

There are none.

IX. **Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations**

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year recommendations.

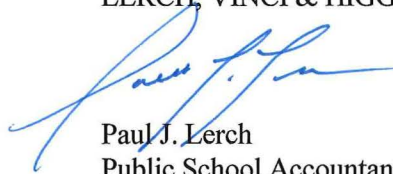
OAKLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Lerch", is written over the printed name.

Paul J. Lerch
Public School Accountant
Certified Public Accountant