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December 16, 2020

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Rochelle Park School District County of Bergen, NJ

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Board of Education of the Rochelle Park School District in the County of Bergen for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2020.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. This letter does not affect our report dated December 16, 2020, on the financial statements of the Board.

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

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

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Scope of Audit

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

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

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

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	C	overage
Matthew Lynaugh	Treasurer of School Monies	\$	190,000
Cheryl Jiosi	Business Administrator/Board Secretary		200,000

Tuition Charges

The District did not receive any tuition revenue from other school districts.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review indicated overall compliance with respect to signatures, certification and supporting documentation.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

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

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent, and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed in a timely manner.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

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

Classification of General and Administrative Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, we reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.2. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. As a result of the procedures performed, no significant transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Treasurer's Records

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

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

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

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a test basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

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

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

School Purchasing Programs Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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

a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the Board of Education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the Board of Education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999, c. 440 takes effect and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the Board of Education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made "

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Board of Education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law"

Effective July 1, 2015 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 *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019-20.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

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.

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School Purchasing Programs Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 except as noted in the finding on the following page.

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

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

School Food Service

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or state program. We inquired of school management, or the 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.

Non-program foods were purchased, prepared or offered for sale. The Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position in the CAFR Schedule B-5 does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

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.

Student Body Activities

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

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Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual and low income students. 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 minor exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis 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 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 on a test basis 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.

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.

Finding

The District has a \$122,200 SDA receivable for the Midland Elementary School sprinkler system. This project appears to be materially complete and the District should submit the reimbursement request for this project as soon as possible to ensure collection of these funds and to allow for the close-out of the project. As the District has already taken steps to contact the architect for assistance in preparing the reimbursement request, no formal recommendation is judged to be warranted.

<u>Travel Expenses and Travel Reimbursement Policy</u>

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedures pertaining to travel and expense reimbursements for its employee and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be preapproved by the Board of Education and the Superintendent and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending. Overall compliance was noted.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

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

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

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

Effect on Internal Controls due to COVID-19

Management Suggestions

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

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendation regarding reconciling items on the bank reconciliations was resolved during the current year.

		Ь	rivate Scho	Private Schools for Disabled	~				Resident I	Resident Low Income		
	Reported on ASSA	Reported on Workpapers		Sample			Reported on ASSA	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to Application	
	as Private	as Private		for	Sample	Sample	as Low	as Low		from	and	Sample
	Schools	Schools	Errors	Verification	Verified	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old							4	2	(2)			
Full Day Kindergarten							9	9		1	1	
Grade One							10	10		1	1	
Grade Two							9	9		1	1	
Grade Three							9	9		1	1	
Grade Four							12	12		1	1	
Grade Five							11	11		7	2	
Grade Six							9	9		2	2	
Grade Seven							13	13		1	1	
Grade Eight							5	4	(1)	2	2	
Subtotal							42	92	(3)	12	12	
Special Education:												
Elementary School							15	15		7	2	
Middle School							4	4		1	-	
Subtotal							19	19		3	3	
Totals	-0-	-0-					86	95	(3)	15	15	
Percentage Error			0.00%		"	0.00%			-3.06%			0.00%

Resident LEP Low Income

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	Reported on ASSA as	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to Test Scores,	
	LEP Low	as LEP Low		from	Application	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Grade Four	1	1		1	1	
Grade Five	1	1				
Subtotal	3	3		2	2	
Totals	3	3		2	2	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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	Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	ASSA as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not	as LEP Not		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Low Income	Low Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	2	2		1	1	
Grade Two	2	2		1	1	
Grade Three	1	1				
Grade Five	3	3		1	1	
Grade Seven	1	1				
Grade Eight	2	2		1	1	
Subtotal	11	11		4	4	
Totals	11	11		4	4	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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

			Transpo	Transportation		
	Reported on DRTRS	Reported on DRTRS				
	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	113	113		15	15	
Regular - Special Education	4	4		1	П	
Transported - Non Public	41	41		7	7	
AIL - Non Public	35	35		4	4	
Special Needs - Public	11	11		7	7	
Special Needs - Private	4	4		1	1	
Totals	208	208		30	30	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

Reported Recalculated	4.5	4.5 4.5	5.8 5.8
	Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs

ROCHELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$13,589,496 (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -0- (B1b) \$ -0- (B1c)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -0- (B1c)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$ 1,513,849 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ -0- (B2b)
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$12,075,647 (B3)
20/ CAR + 12010 2020 G	ф. 241.512 (D.4)
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 241,513 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 250,000 (B5) \$ 20,437 (K)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments	\$ 20,437 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 270.427 (M)
Waxiinuin Unassigned Fund Balance [(B3)+(K)]	\$ 270,437 (M)
SECTION 2	<u>\$ 270,437 (</u> W)
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SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020	
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 2,711,001 (C)
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SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by:	\$ 2,711,001 (C)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances	\$ 2,711,001 (C)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted:	\$ 2,711,001 (C) \$ 606,846 (C1)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted: Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 2,711,001 (C) \$ 606,846 (C1) \$ -0- (C2)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted: Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 2,711,001 (C) \$ 606,846 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ 250,000 (C3)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted: Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 2,711,001 (C) \$ 606,846 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ 250,000 (C3) \$ 1,333,717 (C4)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted: Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balance Assigned Fund Balance:	\$ 2,711,001 (C) \$ 606,846 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ 250,000 (C3) \$ 1,333,717 (C4)

ROCHELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (Continued)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$ 250,000 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020	
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 250,000 (C3) \$ 250,000 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 500,000 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid Sale & Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ -0- (H) \$ -0- (I) \$ 13,524 (J1) \$ 6,913 (J2)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$ 20,437 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance	
Statutory Restrictions:	
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ -0-
Sale/Lease-back Reserve	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,233,717
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 100,000
Emergency Reserve	\$ -0-
Tuition Reserve	\$ -0-
Other State/Government Mandated Reserve	\$ -0-
Other Restricted Fund Balance Not Noted Above	\$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,333,717 (C4)

ROCHELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

It is recommended that:

1.	Administrative Practices and Procedures
	None
2.	Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
	None
3.	School Purchasing Program
	None
4.	School Food Service
	None
5.	Student Body Activities
	None
6.	Application for State School Aid
	None
7.	<u>Pupil Transportation</u>
	None
8.	Facilities and Capital Assets
	None
9.	Travel Expenses and Travel Reimbursement Policy
	None
10.	Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
	The prior year recommendation regarding reconciling items on the bank reconciliations was resolved during the current year.