SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees City of Summit Public Schools Summit, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Summit Public Schools as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2020.

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

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

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Public School Accountants

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Public School Accountant PSA Number CS01118

Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 23, 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 (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. Louis J. Pepe	Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent for Business	\$150,000
Tammie Baldwin	Treasurer of School Monies	\$375,000

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 not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

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

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

Finding – Our audit indicated that retroactive pension withholdings from the 4th quarter of 2019, along with the related report of retroactive contributions, have not been remitted to the State of New Jersey Division Pensions

Recommendation – Retroactive pension withholdings and the related report of pension contributions be promptly remitted to the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Employee Position Control Roster

The District maintained an employee position control roster.

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.

Travel

The District had an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Payments made to employees for a travel event were in accordance with the approved travel policy.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-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.

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.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all the accounts as required (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

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

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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 projects under Title I, II, III and 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.

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.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The reimbursement to the State for the amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report 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 subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidations period, but prior to the 90 days required by N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. Accordingly, the expenditure was made in accordance with State law (90 days) and properly reported as obligated and not expended and as an unliquidated balance in the current year's Final Report for all federal awards.

Non-Public State Aid

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

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000 (with a qualifying purchasing agent) and \$29,000 (without a qualifying purchasing agent), respectively. On May 16, 2011 the Board appointed the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the District's qualified purchasing agent which increased the bid threshold to \$40,000. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000 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 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.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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. 18:A18-4.

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.

School Food Service

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to COVID-19, 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 free and reduced price eligible students during the period of school closures.

Therefore, SFA's 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 SFA's 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 reduce priced meal eligible students.

SFA's 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 School Food Authority (SFA) has any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

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.

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.

School Food Service (Continued)

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 on operating results provision which guarantees a profit of \$25,000. The operating results provision has not been met due to COVID-19. All vendor discounts rebates and credits from vendors and/or FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation.

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.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

USDA Food Distribution Program commodities were reviewed and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the Section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section B of the CAFR.

Summer Flash Program

The records for the Summer Flash Program were in good condition.

Student Activity Funds

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records for all schools 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 school for the handicapped, low-income, related services 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 immaterial exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms of their equivalent.

The district has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2019-2020 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of 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 contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Miscellaneous

The District has submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education for testing of lead on all drinking water in educational facilities.

Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

A review was performed on all prior year findings and corrective action was taken on all.

SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOT APPLICABLE

SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Proprietary Funds - Food Service Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

		Food Service	
Net Cash Resources:			
CAFR *	Current Assets		
B-4	Cash & Cash Equiv.	\$ 157,528	
B-4	Due from Other Gov'ts	45,559	
B-4	Other Accounts Receivable	6,297	
CAFR	Current Liabilities		
B-4	Less Accounts Payable	(49,376)	
B-4	Less Accruals	• • •	
B-4	Less Due to Other Funds		
B-4	Less Unearned Revenue	(108,797)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$ 51,211	(A)
Net Adj. Total Operating	Expense:		
B-5	Tot. Operating Exp.	1,480,288	
B-5	Less Depreciation	(37,111)	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$ 1,443,177	
Average Monthly Operati	ng Expense:		
	B / 10	\$ 144,318	(C)
Three times monthly Aver	rage:		
	3 X C	\$ 432,953	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A	51,211		
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	432,953		
NET	\$ (381,742)		
D is greater than A. cash o	does not exceed 3 X average monthly opera	ting expenses.	

SUMMIT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

		2020-21 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled				
		Reported Origina A.S.S.A. On Roll Full	al	Reported o Workpape On Roll Full		Erro Full	ors Shared	Selecte Workp		Reg	ied per gister Roll Shared	Errors Regis On l Full	ters	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Half Day Pre K (3yrs)	9		9		_	_	9		10		(1)	_	_	_	_	_
	Full Day Pre K (3yrs)			,		_	_	-				-	_	_	_	_	_
	Half Day Pre K (4yrs)	18		18		_	_	9		8		1	_	_	_	-	_
	Full Day Pre K (4yrs)	~~				_	_	_		· ·		_	_	-	_	_	_
	Half Day Kindergarten					_	_						_	-	_	_	_
	Full Day Kindergarten	242		242		_	_	96		95		1	_	_	_	_	
	Grade 1	265		264		1	-	59		59		-	-	-	_	_	-
	Grade 2	268		269		(1)	_	56		56		_	_	-	-	_	_
10	Grade 3	279		279		-	_	33		33		-	-	_	-	-	-
	Grade 4	312		312		-	-	61		61		_	-	-	_	_	-
	Grade 5	283		283		-	-	66		66		-	-	_	-	-	-
	Grade 6	298		298		-	-	298		298		-	-	_	-	-	-
	Grade 7	292		292		-	-	292		294		(2)	_	-	-	-	_
	Grade 8	282		283		(1)	-	283		283		_	-	-	-	-	_
	Grade 9	248		247		1	-	247		249		(2)	-	-	-	-	-
	Grade 10	262		262		-	-	262		262		-	-	-	-	-	-
	Grade 11	254	4	254	4	-	-	254		258	-	(4)	_	-	-	-	-
	Grade 12	248	1	248	1	-	-	248		249	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal	3,560	5	3,560	5	-	•	2,273	-	2,281	-	(8)	-				
	Sp Ed- Elementary	186		186		-	-	17		17		-		1	1	1	
	Sp Ed - Middle School	102		101		1	-	11		11		-		2	2	2	
	Sp Ed - High School	106	15	106	15	-		11		11		-		10	8	8	
	Subtotal	394	15	393	15	1	-	39	-	39	-	-	-	13	11	11	-
	Totals	3,954	20	3,953	20	1		2,312	-	2,320	-	(8)		13	11	11	_
	Percentage Error					0.03%	0.00%				_	-0.35%	0.00%	:		:	0.00%

SUMMIT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

_	Low Income			Sample for Verification			Reside	nt LEP Low Inc	ome	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)	1	1	_	1	1	-	_	-	-	-	-	_
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)			-			-	-	-	-	-	_	-
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)	8	8		4	4	-						-
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)						-						-
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten	30	30	-	24	24	-	15	15	-	13	13	_
Grade I	29	29	-	7	7	-	7	7		1	1	-
Grade 2	31	31	_	6	6	-	11	11	-	7	7	-
Grade 3	35	35	-	13	13	-	14	14	-	1	1	-
Grade 4	29	29	-	10	10	-	6	6	-	2	2	-
Grade 5	35	35	-	3	3	-	3	3	-	2	2	-
Grade 6	40	40	-	40	40	-	12	12	-	12	12	-
Grade 7	30	30	-	30	30	-	9	9	-	9	9	-
Grade 8	38	38	-	38	38	-	7	7	-	7	7	-
Grade 9	29	29	-	21	21	_	6	6	-	6	6	-
Grade 10	31	31	-			-	6	6	-	6	6	-
Grade 11	35	35	-			-	8	8	-	8	8	-
Grade 12	32	32	_				7	7		2	2	
Subtotal	433	433	-	197	197	•	111	111	-	76	76	-
Sp Ed - Elementary	49	49	-			-		1	(1)	1	1	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	31	31	-			-			_	-	-	-
Sp Ed - High School	34	34	-				2.0	1.0	1			
Subtotal	114	114	-	-	-	-	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Totals =	547	547	-	197	197	-	113.0	113.0	-	77.0	77.0	_
Percentage Error		=	0.00%	<u>.</u>	=	0.00%			0.00%		=	0.00%

		Transpo	rtation			
	Reported on DRTRS by	Reported on DRTRS by				
_	DOE	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg Public Schools	34	34		34	34	-
Reg Special Ed Public	20.00	20.0		20	19	(1)
Transported - Non - Public						-
Special Ed w. Special Needs_	37.00	37.0	-	20	20	-
_ =	91	91.0		74	73	(1)
Percentage Error		_	0.00%		_	-1.35%

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SUMMIT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

		Resident	LEP Not Low Inc	come	Sample for Verification				
		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	13	13	-	8	8	-		
	Grade 1	12	12	-	11	11	_		
-	Grade 2	8	8	-	6	6	-		
12	Grade 3	2	2	-	2	2	-		
	Grade 4	3	3	-	2	2	_		
	Grade 5	3	3	-	3	3	_		
	Grade 6	1	1	-	1	1	-		
	Grade 7	3	3	-	3	3	-		
	Grade 8	9	9	-	9	9	-		
	Grade 9	6	6	-	6	6	-		
	Grade 10	4	4	-	4	4	-		
	Grade 11	1	1	-	1	1	-		
	Grade 12	1	1	-	-	-	_		
	Subtotal	66	66	-	56	56	-		
	Sp Ed - Elementary						-		
	Sp Ed - Middle School	2	2	-	2	2	-		
	Sp Ed - High School	-	-	-	_	-	-		
	Subtotal	2	2	-	2	2	_		
	Totals	68	68	-	- 58	58			
			_	0.00%			0.00%		

SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2019-2020 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	79,099,081
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		12,148,255
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	66,950,826
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		1,339,017
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment- Extraordinary Aid		237,327
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,576,344
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020	\$	10,555,250
Decreased by:		
Year End Encumbrances		1,447,192
Legally Restricted- Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's		-,,
Expenditures		2,746,791
Other Restricted Fund Balances		3,158,725
Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		113,027
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	3,089,515
SECTION 3		
Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	1,513,171
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020		
Reserve Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	2,746,791
Reserve Excess Surplus		1,513,171
Total Excess Surplus	\$	4,259,962
Detail of Restricted Fund Balances		
Capital Reserve	\$	2,145,230
Emergency Reserve		20,151
Maintenance Reserve		929,770
Capital Lease Obligations		63,574
	¢	2 150 725
	<u>\$</u>	3,158,725

SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that retroactive pension withholdings and the related report of pension contributions be promptly remitted to the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

V. Flash Program

There are none.

VI. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

X. Miscellaneous

There are none.

XI. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of the prior year recommendations; corrective action has been taken on the prior year recommendations.

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,

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