

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Alexandria Township School District
County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

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 Board of Education of the Alexandria Township School District in the County of Hunterdon for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2022.

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 Alexandria Township School District Board of Education 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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February 15, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the Statistical Section of the District's ACFR.

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

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jack Trent	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$250,000
Ellen Kluber	Treasurer	\$250,000

There is a Public Employees' Dishonesty Policy with the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs did not vary significantly from estimated costs.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

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

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

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

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

All encumbrances and accounts payable at June 30, 2020 were properly recorded and classified.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's Records were found to be in order.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's Records were found to be in order.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act/Elementary and Secondary Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

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 ACFR.

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 ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly 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.

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 \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (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 2020-21.

Also, effective July 1, 2020, the maximum threshold for quotations for a board of education without a QPA is \$4,800; and for a board with a QPA the maximum threshold for quotations is \$6,600.

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 questions arise 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 my examination, I 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.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an unemployment compensation insurance trust fund.

School Food Service

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. Even though the program expenditures did not exceed \$100,000 in federal and/or State support, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food

School Food Service (Continued)

service personnel, as to whether the District's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

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 were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will either break even, return a profit or incur a loss of not more than a specified amount. The operating results provision has been met.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food 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.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal is uniformly administered throughout the school system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

U.S.D.A. Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

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

The school district maintains the detailed revenue and expenditure information necessary in order to execute the USDA mandated Non-Program Food Revenue Tool at least annually.

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

Student Body Activities

During our review of the Student Activity Funds, we did not note any areas of non-compliance.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, and low-income. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the district workpapers. The information that was included on the workpapers was reviewed and tested. Any errors or exceptions were noted. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. Our tests of the district's procedures and records uncovered the following:

Finding 2021-1: Our tests of the District's Application for State School Aid (ASSA) involves a review and verification of the reported enrollment results by grade. For grades two and eight, we were unable to substantiate the enrollment results. The results of our tests are reported in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Recommendation: ASSA student enrollment results should be accurate and substantiated with supporting workpapers.

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 2019-20 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was compared to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. The following exception was noted:

Finding 2021-2: Our tests of the District's Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) include a comparison of the number of special education students with regular transportation needs and special transportation needs to the number of transported special education students reported in the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report. The District Report did not agree to the Summary Report.

Recommendation: The number of students transported and reported on the District's Report and the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report should be in agreement. Any differences should be researched and reconciled.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

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 findings.

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.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020**

	2020-2021 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. on Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Veri- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Half Day Preschool																
Full Day Preschool	13		13		0	0	13		13		0	0				
Half Day Kindergarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	46		46		0	0	46		46		0	0				
One	33		33		0	0	33		33		0	0				
Two	33		30		3	0	33		30		3	0				
Three	40		40		0	0	40		40		0	0				
Four	33		33		0	0	33		33		0	0				
Five	48		48		0	0	48		48		0	0				
Six	40		40		0	0	40		40		0	0				
Seven	51		51		0	0	51		51		0	0				
Eight	52		50		2	0	52		50		2	0				
Subtotal	<u>389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Education:																
Elementary School	46		46		0	0	46		46		0	0	1	1	1	
Middle School	29		29		0	0	29		29		0	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	<u>464</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error					<u>1.08%</u>						<u>1.08%</u>					<u>0.00%</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED)
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020**

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool												
Full Day Preschool												
Half Day Kindegarten												
Full Day Kindergarten		1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
One		3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two		1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Four		3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Five		3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Six		3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seven		3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eight		5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Education:												
Elementary School		5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle School		4	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>						

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE			Reported on DRTRS by District			Transportation			Re-Reported	Re-Calculated
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK stude	Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK stude	Average Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs		
ALL Non-Public	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	0					
Regular - Public Schools	288.0	288.0	0.0	288.0	288.0	0.0	Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK stude	4.2	4.2		
Regular - Special Education	41.0	66.0	25.0	66.0	41.0	25.0	Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK stude	4.2	4.2		
Transported - Non-Public	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Average Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs	6.3	6.3		
Special Ed Spec	34.0	9.0	25.0	34.0	9.0	25.0					
Totals	<u>363.0</u>	<u>363.0</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>388.0</u>	<u>338.0</u>	<u>50.0</u>					
Percentage Error						<u>12.89%</u>					

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED)
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample 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
Half Day Preschool						
Full Day Preschool						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten	0	0	0	0	0	0
One	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three	0	0	0	0	0	0
Four	0	0	0	0	0	0
Five	0	0	0	0	0	0
Six	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eight	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Education:						
Elementary School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
As of June 30, 2021**

Section 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$	11,800,592
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$	2,151,077
Assets Acquired under Capital Leases		35,880
Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701		<u> </u>
Adjusted 20-21 General Fund Expenditures	\$	9,613,635
2% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures	\$	192,273
The greater of \$250,000 or 2% of Adjusted General Fund Expenditures		250,000
Increased by Allowable Adjustment		<u>181,917</u>
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>431,917</u></u>

Section 2

Total General Fund Balances @ 06/30/21	\$	2,472,345
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$	175,979
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		250,000
Other Restricted Fund Balances		1,614,449
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		-
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Impact Aid Reserve		<u> </u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	431,917
Increased by:		
Adjustment for Disallowed Transfers per S1701	\$	<u> </u>
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation	\$	<u><u>431,917</u></u>

Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	<u> </u>
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Reserved Excess Surplus -- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	250,000
Reserved Excess Surplus		<u> </u>
Total	\$	250,000

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$	
Sale and Lease-back		
Extraordinary Aid		180,757
Additional Non Public School Transportation Aid		1,160
Unbudgeted TPAF Wage Freeze Grant Funding		
Higher Expectations for Learning and Proficiency Aid		<u> </u>
Total Adjustments	\$	181,917

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory Restrictions:		
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	
Capital Outlay for a district with a Capital Outlay cap waiver		
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
Capital Reserve		617,391
Maintenance Reserve		688,739
Emergency Reserve		250,000
Unemployment Compensation Reserve		58,319
Other State/Government Mandated Reserve		<u> </u>
		1,614,449
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]		<u> </u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>1,614,449</u></u>

Alexandria Township Board of Education
Audit Recommendations Summary
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

2021-1: Student enrollment results reported on the ASSA should be accurate and substantiated with supporting workpapers.

7. Pupil Transportation

2021-2: The number of students transported and reported on the District's Report and the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report should be in agreement. Any differences should be researched and reconciled.

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

Not Applicable