BOROUGH OF CHESILHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF CAMDEN

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021



Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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<u>AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE</u> FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Chesilhurst School District County of Camden, New Jersey

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 basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Borough of Chesilhurst School District, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which were separately issued in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report dated February 3, 2022.

As part of our audit, we also 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 issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Borough of Chesilhurst School District, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and is intended for the information of the School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

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Kirk N. Applegate Certified Public Accountant

Public School Accountant No. 20CS00223300

Voorhees, New Jersey February 3, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE, AND PERFORMANCE

SCOPE OF AUDIT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, contained in the School District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Dr. Frank Badessa Board Secretary / School

Business Administrator \$200,000.00

Tuition Charges

The School District had no incoming tuition students that required proper adjustment, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit indicated the following reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

Finding No. 2021-006 (ACFR Finding No. 2021-006)

During our audit, we noted that the internal controls over expenditures were insufficient to ensure proper financial statement reporting and compliance with New Jersey statutory requirements.

Recommendation

That the School District improve its internal controls over the proper charging of expenditures and ensuring compliance with New Jersey statutory requirements.

Payroll Account

The School District did not have any payroll expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Employee Position Control Roster

The School District did not have any employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

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FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

Travel

The School District did not have any travel expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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 randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples indicated the following reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

Finding No. 2021-002 (ACFR Finding No. 2021-002)

The School District did not charge expenditures for required maintenance in accordance with the school facility system maintenance categories as provided by the Office of School Facilities.

Recommendation

The District should ensure that only allowable charges meeting the specified criteria in the school facility system maintenance categories as provided by the Office of School Facilities are charged to required maintenance.

Finding No. 2021-006 (ACFR Finding No. 2021-006)

During our audit, we noted that the internal controls over expenditures were insufficient to ensure proper financial statement reporting and compliance with New Jersey statutory requirements.

Recommendation

That the School District improve its internal controls over the proper charging of expenditures and ensuring compliance with New Jersey statutory requirements.

Board Secretary's Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition. The following reportable noncompliance were noted:

Finding No. 2021-003 (ACFR Finding No. 2021-003)

The School District was unable to provide a Long Range Facility Plan to substantiate the balance in the capital reserve.

Recommendation

The School District should ensure that a Long Range Facility Plan is maintained to support the balance in its capital reserve or consider liquidating the capital reserve to be in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(g).

Finding No. 2021-004 (ACFR Finding No. 2021-004)

The School District's balance in the maintenance reserve exceeded four percent of the replacement cost of the School District's school facilities and did not designate the excess in the subsequent year's budget.

Recommendation

The School District should designate the excess in the School District's maintenance reserve in the subsequent year's budget to be in compliance with the School District Audit Program.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

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

The School District did not receive any E.S.S.A. funds during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

An audit of compliance for E.S.S.A. was not required for school year 2020-21.

Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The School District's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

Our audit of the state funds on a sample 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 other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

TPAF Reimbursement

The School District did not have any payroll expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The School District did not have any payroll expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000.00 (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 \$19,600.00 for 2020-21.

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

Based on the results of our audit, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

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

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

The School District's food service fund was non-operational during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

The School District did not have any student activity funds during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a sample of information reported in the October 15, 2020 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for private schools for the disabled. We also performed an inspection of the School District procedures related to its completion. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

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

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Our audit procedures included a sample of on-roll status reported in the 2020-2021 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was reported 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, and the following was noted:

Finding No. 2021-001 (ACFR Finding No. 2021-001)

Condition

Our examination of the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) revealed reported students who could not be traced to attendance records and documentation that did not support the School District's classifications.

Recommendation

That the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) report students who can be traced to attendance records and retain documentation that supports the District's classifications.

FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continuing Disclosure Agreements

Not applicable - no outstanding bonds.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

Finding No. 2021-005 (CAFR Finding No. 2021-005)

Condition

The School District did not comply with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

Recommendation

The School District must take immediate appropriate action to comply with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 by requesting an exemption from lead testing requirements related to drinking water.

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FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action has been taken on the prior year finding.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Public School Accountant No. 20CS00223300

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2020

			2021-2022 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification					Private Schools for the Disabled				
	A.S	orted on S.S.A. n Roll Shared	Worl	orted on kpapers n Roll Shared	En <u>Full</u>	rors Shared	Select	mple ed from papers Shared	Reg	ied per gisters n Roll <u>Shared</u>	Reg	rs per isters Roll Shared	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
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Subtotal										. <u> </u>						
Special Education-Elementary Special Education-Middle School Special Education-High School													2	2	2	
Subtotal			-						_		-		2	2	2	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Subtotal			-						_		-					
Totals													2	2	2	
Percentage Error					0.0%	0.0%		_	·		0.0%	0.0%				0.0%

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2020

	Res	sident Low Income		Sam	ple for Verification	n	Re	sident LEP Low Inco	me	Sam	ple for Verification	
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low <u>Income</u>	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	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application, Test Score and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)												
Subtotal			_			_	_		_			_
Special Education-Elementary Special Education-Middle School Special Education-High School												
Subtotal												
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Subtotal												
Totals												
Percentage Error			0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			0.0%
			Transp	ortation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by <u>District</u>	Errors	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Verified</u>	Errors					Reported	Re- Calculated
Reg Public Schools, Col. 1 Reg SpEd, Col. 4 Transported - Non-Public, Col. 3 Special Needs, Col. 6	107 12 10 3	107 12 10 3		72 8 7 3	72 8 <u>3</u>	7	Reg. Avg. (Milea	age) = Regular Inclu age) = Regular Exclu age) = Special Ed. v	ıding Grade PK s	students (Part B)	5.7 If Applicable 7.1	5.7 7.1
Totals	132	132		90	83	7.00						
Percentage Error		_	0.0%	_		7.8%						

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2020

		dent LEP NOT Low Income		Sam	ole for Verification	
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)						
Subtotal		_				
Special Education-Elementary Special Education-Middle School Special Education-High School						
Subtotal						
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Subtotal						
Totals						
Percentage Error			0.0%			0.0%

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

SECTION 1

4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on ACFR Exhibit C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ 2,997,351.45	(B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	 0.007.054.45	(B2a) (B2b)
Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)] 4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 2,997,351.45 119,894.06 250,000.00 43,917.00	(B4) (B5)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]		\$ 293,917.00 (M)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2021 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances **** Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 3,474,183.16 2,088,339.72 28,803.00	(C1) (C2) (C3) (C4)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$ 1,357,040.44 (U1)
SECTION 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-		\$ 1,063,123.44 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021		
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]		\$ 467,409.00 (C3) 595,714.44 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]		\$ 1,063,123.44 (D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

Footnotes:

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

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Federal Impact Aid		(H)
Sale & Lease-back		(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 41,017.00	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	 2,900.00	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized		(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid		(J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$ 43,917.00	(K)

^{*} This amount represents the Excess Surplus (C3 above) generated during June 30, 2020 and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031. This amount was to be appropriated in the 2021-2022 general fund budget.

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

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	
Sale/lease-back reserve	
Capital reserve	\$ 681,218.65
Maintenance reserve	837,121.07
Emergency reserve	<u></u>
Tuition reserve	570,000.00
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	<u></u>
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	<u></u>
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	
Other state/government mandated reserves	
Restricted for Unemployment	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 2,088,339.72 (C ²

^{***} Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2021 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

That the School District improve its internal the controls over the proper charging of expenditure and ensuring compliance with New Jersey statutory requirements.

The District should ensure that only allowable charges meeting the specified criteria in the school facility system maintenance categories as provided by the Office of School Facilities are charged to required maintenance.

The School District should ensure that a Long Range Facility Plan is maintained to support the balance in its capital reserve or consider liquidating the capital reserve to be in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(g).

The School District should designate the excess in the School District's maintenance reserve in the subsequent year's budget to be in compliance with the School District Audit Program.

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

That the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) report students who can be traced to attendance records and retain documentation that supports the District's classifications.

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

The School District must take immediate appropriate action to comply with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 by requesting an exemption from lead testing requirements related to drinking water.

10. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

Not Applicable – There were no prior year audit findings.