

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2021**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**Auditor's Management Report on Administrative  
Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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

The Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Education  
Gloucester County Special Services School District  
County of Gloucester, 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 Gloucester County Special Services School District, in the County of Gloucester, 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 March 10, 2022.

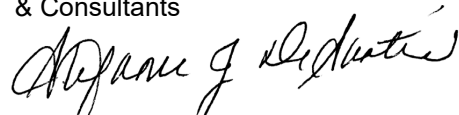
As part of our audit, we also performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Gloucester County Special Services 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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Woodbury, New Jersey  
March 10, 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>
Amy Capriotti	Board Secretary / School Business Administrator	\$330,000.00

There is a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with New Jersey School Board Association Insurance Group that covers all other employees with coverage of \$250,000.00.

**Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The School District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

**FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING**

**Examination of Claims**

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

**Payroll Account**

The net salaries of sampled employees of the School District were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

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

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

**Employee Position Control Roster**

A sample of the Employee Position Control Roster indicated that it was in satisfactory condition and was approved by the county office submission with the 2020-2021 budget review checklist.

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

**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.

**Travel**

A sample of travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

**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 did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

**Board Secretary's Records**

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

**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 federal and 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**

Our audit procedures included a sample of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for School 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 amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's final report(s) 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 prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management and N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. The expenditure was inspected subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

**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:

**SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS (CONT'D)**

**Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)**

<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**

**Public Health Emergency**

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency all public, charter, non-public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, school food authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to free and reduced price eligible students during the period of school closures.

During fiscal year 2020-2021 the public health emergency was still applicable. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFAs) were required to provide meals in accordance with the regulations governing the National School Nutrition Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) option.

SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with food service management companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A.18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing cost reimbursable or fixed price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and / or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000.00 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) 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.

**SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE (CONT'D)**

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position (ACFR exhibit 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 public health emergency procedures / practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all 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. We also inquired if the FSMC received a loan in accordance with the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) and whether the funds were used to pay for costs applicable to the Food Service Programs. We also inquired if the PPP loan was subsequently forgiven and the FSMC refunded or credited the applicable amounts to the SFA.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

**STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES**

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

**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 on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low-income, and bilingual. We also performed an inspection of the School District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the School District workpapers without exception. 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.

**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**

**Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities**

The School District complied 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.

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

**FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS**

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

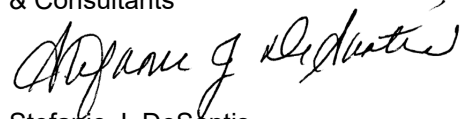
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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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**GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 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 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																
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	160		160				160		160							
Special Education-Middle School	105		105				105		105							
Special Education-High School	279		279				279		279							
Subtotal	544	-	544	-	-	-	544	-	544	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Subtotal					-	-							-	-	-	-
Totals	544	-	544	-	-	-	544	-	544	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error																

NOT APPLICABLE

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Application for State School Aid Summary  
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 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 Application, Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
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												

NOT APPLICABLE

	Transportation						Reg. Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A)	Reg. Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B)	Spec. Avg. (Mileage) = Special Ed. with Special Needs	Reported	Re-Calculated
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					
Reg. - Public Schools, Col. 1										N/A	N/A
Reg. - SpEd, Col. 4										N/A	N/A
Transported - Non-Public, Col. 3										N/A	N/A
Special Needs, Col. 6										N/A	N/A
Totals			-								
Percentage Error											

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Application for State School Aid Summary

Schedule of Audited Enrollments

Enrollment as of October 15, 2020

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low <u>Income</u>	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from <u>Workpapers</u>	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			NOT APPLICABLE			
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						

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Audit Recommendations Summary  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

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

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year findings requiring corrective action.