

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

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

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



BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Auditor's Management Report on Administrative
Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

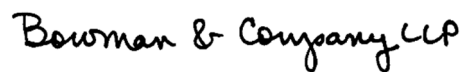
The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Borough of Merchantville School District
County of Camden, New Jersey

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 Merchantville 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 March 7, 2022.

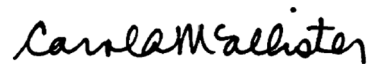
As part of our audit, we also performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Borough of Merchantville 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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Voorhees, New Jersey
March 7, 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>
Greg Gontowski	Board Secretary / School Business Administrator	\$ 200,000.00

There is a blanket dishonesty bond covering all other employees with the multiple coverage of \$500,000.00.

Tuition Charges

The School District did not have any tuition charges for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

The E.S.S.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, II-Part A, and IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The audit of compliance for E.S.S.A. did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

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.

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

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:

<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 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.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the ACFR.

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.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Our audit procedures included a sample of on-roll status reported in the 2020-21 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.

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

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

The School District complied with its most recent continuing disclosure agreements made in relation to prior year bond issuances.

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

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.

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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BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE 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 the 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	17		17					17		17						
Full Day Preschool																
Half Day Kindergarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	25		25					25		25						
One	42		42					42		42						
Two	37		37					37		37						
Three	34		34					34		34						
Four	35		35					35		35						
Five	36		36					36		36						
Six	44		44					44		44						
Seven	38		38					38		38						
Eight	42		42					42		42						
Nine																
Ten																
Eleven																
Twelve																
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)																
Subtotal	350	-	350	-	-	-	-	350	-	350	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Education-Elementary	37		37					5		5			2	2	2	
Special Education-Middle School	17		17					3		3			1	1	1	
Special Education-High School													3	3	3	
Subtotal	54	-	54	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	6	6	6	-
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	404	-	404	-	-	-	-	358	-	358	-	-	6	6	6	-
Percentage Error																

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Application for State School Aid Summary
 Schedule of Audited Enrollments
 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	8	8		6	6							
Two	14	14		10	10		3	3		3	3	
Three	16	16		11	11		4	4		4	4	
Four	9	9		5	5		1	1		1	1	
Five	14	14		9	9		1	1		1	1	
Six	7	7		6	6		1	1		1	1	
Seven	13	13		8	8							
Eight	12	12		7	7		1	1		1	1	
Nine	15	15		9	9							
Ten	3	3		2	2							
Eleven	11	11		8	8		1	1		1	1	
Twelve	8	8		6	6							
Post-Graduate	7	7		5	5		2	2		2	2	
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)												
Subtotal	137	137	-	92	92	-	14	14	-	14	14	-
Special Education-Elementary	14	14		9	9							
Special Education-Middle School	4	4		3	3							
Special Education-High School	11	11		8	8							
Subtotal	29	29	-	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	166	166	-	112	112	-	14	14	-	14	14	-
Percentage Error			-			-			-			-

	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	118	118		80	80				5.5	5.5	
Reg. - SpEd, Col. 4	2	2		2	2				5.5	5.5	
Transported - Non-Public, Col. 3											
Special Needs, Col. 6	5	5		3	3				10.8	10.8	
Totals	125	125	-	85	85	-					
Percentage Error			-			-					

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE 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	1	1		1	1	
Three						
Four						
Five	1	1		1	1	
Six						
Seven						
Eight						
Nine						
Ten						
Eleven						
Twelve						
Post-Graduate						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)						
Subtotal	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Education-Elementary						
Special Education-Middle School	1	1		1	1	
Special Education-High School						
Subtotal	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Subtotal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Percentage Error			<u><u>-</u></u>			<u><u>-</u></u>

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	\$ 9,903,696.78 (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	_____ (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	_____ (B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	_____ (B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	_____ (B1d)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	_____ 1,272,810.63 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	_____ (B2b)
Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 8,630,886.15 (B3)
4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	\$ 345,235.45 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	_____ 345,235.45 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	_____ 145,329.00 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 490,564.45 (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2021 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1)	\$ 3,895,515.11 (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances	_____ 4,095.46 (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____ (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	_____ 958,758.00 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	_____ 1,450,156.26 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____ (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 1,482,505.39 (U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 991,940.94 (E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ 958,758.00 (C3)
Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	_____ 991,940.94 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 1,950,698.94 (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	\$ 144,459.00	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	870.00	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	_____	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	_____	(J4)
 Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	 \$ 145,329.00	(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.

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

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 Office of School Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	_____
Sale/lease-back reserve	_____
Capital reserve	\$ 1,330,000.00
Maintenance reserve	80,965.00
Emergency reserve	_____
Tuition reserve	_____
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	_____
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	_____
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	_____
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	_____
Other state/government mandated reserves	_____
Restricted for Unemployment	39,191.26
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	_____
 Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	 \$ 1,450,156.26 (C4)

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Audit Recommendations Summary
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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

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