

**NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2021**

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AUDITOR’S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Northern Valley Regional High School District
Demarest, 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 Northern Valley Regional High School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2022.

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 Education, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP
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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
February 17, 2022

**NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Board Designee, 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 district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Marc Capizzi	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$400,000
Daniel Hauser	Board Designee	1,000,000

There is a Public Employee Dishonesty with Faithful Performance coverage with New Jersey Schools Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$1,000,000.

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

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 tested were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

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

The required certification (E-Cert1) of compliance with requirements of income tax on compensation of District Administration was filed with the NJ Department of Treasury by the due date

Payrolls were delivered to the Secretary of the Board who then deposited by wire transfer in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

The District maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were greater than the estimated costs.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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 reserve 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 Board of Trustees has adopted a travel policy that complies with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

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 transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

All receipts were promptly deposited

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

The Board Secretary's and Board Designee's monthly financial reports were presented monthly to the Board on a timely basis and were submitted to the executive county superintendent as prescribed by (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36)

Bank Reconciliations

The Board designee did perform cash reconciliations for all District accounts (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

The monthly records pertaining to cash reconciliations were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General Fund.

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 Fund of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title IIA, Title III and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit 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 contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

- **Finding (CAFR Finding 2021-001)** – A review of students' Individualized Education Plans (IEP) revealed certain students reported on the Application for State Extraordinary Aid did not have an intensive related service specifically included in their IEP. A minimum of one intensive related service is required to be included in a student's IEP to be eligible for inclusion on the Extraordinary Aid Application.

Recommendation – Internal control procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure student IEP's specifically identify the intensive related service that is required to be provided to the respective student reported on the Application for State Extraordinary Aid.

I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting records were maintained for each approved project.

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

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

There were no TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district due to no employee's salaries were identified as being paid from federal funds.

Nonpublic State Aid

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

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the board of education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law".

Effective April 17, 2000 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A (Public School Contracts Law) was revised by P.L. 1999, C. 440.

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:39-3 are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent QPA) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,600.

If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9), the board of education may establish that the bid threshold up to \$44,000. Such authorizations may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section. The school business administrator is a QPA and the Board by resolution has established the bid threshold to be \$44,000.

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School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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 Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

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 my 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. 18A:18A-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.

Food Service Fund

The District did not participate in the National School Lunch Program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition.

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/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will break even. This provision could not be met as a result of certain conditions not occurring due to COVID 19.

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.

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

Enterprise Fund

The District maintained five (5) enterprise funds, excluding the Food Service Enterprise Fund. The Technical Services Enterprise Fund was closed during 2020-2021.

Student Activity Fund

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

Cash receipts and cash disbursements records were maintained in good condition.

Cash disbursements did have proper supporting documentation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
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Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2020 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, related services, low-income and bilingual. 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 results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

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 2020-2021 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with no exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures 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 the SDA grant agreements for consistency with recording SDA revenue, and transfers from/to the Capital Reserve Account.

The District maintained capital assets records utilizing a third party provider.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all requirements of N.J.A.C. 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The school district did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

**NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

**FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT AS OF October 15, 2020
 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	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 Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old					-	-										-
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old					-	-										-
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old					-	-										-
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old					-	-										-
Half Day Kindergarten					-	-										-
Full Day Kindergarten					-	-										-
Grade 1					-	-										-
Grade 2					-	-										-
Grade 3					-	-										-
Grade 4					-	-										-
Grade 5					-	-										-
Grade 6					-	-										-
Grade 7					-	-										-
Grade 8					-	-										-
Grade 9	441		441		-	-	211		211							-
Grade 10	402		402		-	-	204		204							-
Grade 11	444		444		-	-	199		199							-
Grade 12	447		447		-	-	255		255							-
Post- Graduate					-	-										-
Adult High School (15+ Credits)					-	-										-
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)					-	-										-
Subtotal	1,734	-	1,734	-	-	-	869	-	869	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed - Elementary	95		95		-	-	12		12							-
Sp Ed - Middle School	41		41		-	-	5		5							-
Sp Ed - High School	366	13	366	13	-	-	47	2	46	2	1	-	21	18	18	-
Subtotal	502	13	502	13	-	-	64	2	63	2	1		21	18	18	-
County Vocational - Regular					-	-										-
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second					-	-										-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2,236	13	2,236	13	-	-	933	2	932	2	1	-	21	18	18	-
Percentage Error					0.00%					0.11%			-			0.00%

NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT AS OF October 15, 2020
 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	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	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old			-			-
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old			-			-
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old			-			-
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old			-			-
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-
Grade 1			-			-
Grade 2			-			-
Grade 3			-			-
Grade 4			-			-
Grade 5			-			-
Grade 6			-			-
Grade 7			-			-
Grade 8			-			-
Grade 9	2	2	-	2	2	-
Grade 10	4	4	-	4	4	-
Grade 11	5	5	-	4	3	1
Grade 12	7	7	-	6	5	1
Post- Graduate			-			-
Adult High School (15+ Credits)			-			-
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)			-			-
Subtotal	18	18	-	16	14	2
Sp Ed - Elementary			-			-
Sp Ed - Middle School			-			-
Sp Ed - High School	5	5	-	4	4	-
Subtotal	5	5	-	4	4	-
County Vocational - Regular			-			-
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second			-			-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	23	23	-	20	18	2
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>10.00%</u>

	Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected	Verified to Test Score and Register	Errors
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old			-			-
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old			-			-
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old			-			-
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old			-			-
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-
Grade 1			-			-
Grade 2			-			-
Grade 3			-			-
Grade 4			-			-
Grade 5			-			-
Grade 6			-			-
Grade 7			-			-
Grade 8			-			-
Grade 9			-			-
Grade 10			-			-
Grade 11			-			-
Grade 12			-			-
Post- Graduate			-			-
Adult High School (15+ Credits)			-			-
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)			-			-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed - Elementary			-			-
Sp Ed - Middle School			-			-
Sp Ed - High School			-			-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Vocational - Regular			-			-
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second			-			-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools	313	313	-	39	39	-
Transported - Non Public	115	115	-	14	14	-
AIL Non-Public	25	25	-	3	3	-
Regular - Special Ed	33	33	-	4	4	-
Special Needs	36	36	-	4	4	-
Subtotal	521	521	-	64	64	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT AS OF October 15, 2020
 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	Resident LEP Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT low Income	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Application	Errors
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old			-			-
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old			-			-
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old			-			-
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old			-			-
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-
Grade 1			-			-
Grade 2			-			-
Grade 3			-			-
Grade 4			-			-
Grade 5			-			-
Grade 6			-			-
Grade 7			-			-
Grade 8			-			-
Grade 9	7	7	-	5	5	-
Grade 10	2	2	-	2	2	-
Grade 11	-	-	-			-
Grade 12	-	-	-			-
Post- Graduate			-			-
Adult High School (15+ Credits)			-			-
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)			-			-
Subtotal	9	9	-	7	7	-
Sp Ed - Elementary						-
Sp Ed - Middle School						-
Sp Ed - High School	2	2		2	2	-
Subtotal	2	2	-	2	2	-
County Vocational - Regular						
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second						
Subtotal						
Totals	11	11	-	9	9	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

**NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

SECTION 1A - Four Percent (4%) - Calculation of Excess surplus

2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$ 68,258,678
Increased by:	
Transfer to Enterprise Funds	60,000
	68,318,678
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	11,273,429
Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 57,045,249
4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,281,810
Allowable Adjustments	202,863
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 2,484,673

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 12,340,640
Decreased by:	
Restricted	
Capital Reserve	8,084,092
Capital Reserve - Designated in Subsequent Year's Budget	695,252
Excess Surplus - Designated in Subsequent Year's Budget	1,177,398
Unemployment	47,142
Committed	
Year End Encumbrances	521,268
Assigned	
Year End Encumbrances	137,273
FFCRA/SEMI - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	1,063
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,677,152

SECTION 3

Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$ -
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Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Extraordinary Aid	\$ 183,227
Reimbursed Nonpublic Transpiration Aid	19,636
	\$ 202,863

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RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

1. Procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure student IEP's specifically identify the intensive related service that is required to be provided to the respective student reported on the Application for State Extraordinary Aid.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

There are none.

V. Enterprise Funds

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. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year's recommendation. Corrective action was taken on the prior year recommendation.

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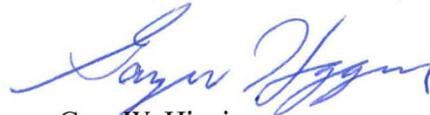
RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

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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