

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Barnegat, New Jersey
County of Ocean

**Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings -
Financial, Compliance and Performance
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

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

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Barnegat Township School District
County of Ocean
Barnegat, New Jersey 08005

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 Barnegat Township School District in the County of Ocean for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2023.

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 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,

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew F. Holman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Matthew F. Holman
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant, #20CS00260100

Lakewood, New Jersey
March 10, 2023

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**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 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>
Steve Brennan	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 273,000.00
Patricia Christopher	Treasurer	310,000.00

Chapter 44 P.L.2020,c.44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A.18A:16-13.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year on audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted did include all health benefit plans offered by school district.

The school district data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

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 cost in accordance with *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-17.1(f)3*.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account

The net salaries of sampled employees of the board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employee's payroll deductions and 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

Payrolls were delivered to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Employee Position Control Roster

A sample inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found no inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23 A-16.29(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of a sample of 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, a transaction error rate of 0% percent overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the board secretary were found to be in satisfactory condition.

Treasurer's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer of School Monies were found to be in satisfactory condition.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America's Schools Act (I.A.S.A.) as Reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The E.S.E.A. / N.C.L.B. 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 and III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a sample test of the biweekly reimbursements forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

T.P.A.F. 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. The expenditure was reviewed 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 school contracts in general is available on the website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature (<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>) website.

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 \$20,200 for 2021-22.

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 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 tests on sample basis, 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

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 eligible students during the period of school closures. Governor Murphy's emergency declaration ended June 4, 2021; however, the United States Department of Agriculture's federal waiver continued through June 30, 2022. Food Service Agencies operated under this federal waiver.

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 (new) 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 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 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. Exceptions were not 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. Exceptions were not 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 sold.

We 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 Payroll Protection Plan 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.

School Food Service (continued)

Finding 2022-001*

Net cash resources did exceed three months average expenditures.

Recommendation:

The School District should not have cash which exceeds three months worth of average expenditures in their bank account.

Student Body Activities

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

Application for State School Aid (ASSA)

Our audit procedures included a sample test of information reported in the October 15, 2021 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped and low-income, and bilingual. We also performed a review on a sample basis of the School District's procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA 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 of their equivalent.

The School District written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a sample test of on roll status reported in the 2021-2022 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included 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 contracts and purchases. Based on our sample, the School 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 sampling of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

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 Findings

In accordance with audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, our procedures included a review of all prior year findings reported in the prior year's Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance. Findings marked with an asterisk (*) indicate repeat findings.

Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Findings

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.

Matthew F. Holman
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant, #20CS00260100

Lakewood, New Jersey
March 10, 2023

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021**

	2022-2023 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		Reported on Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on Private Schools		Sample Verification		Sample Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Preschool - 3 Yrs	103	-	103	-	-	-	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4 Yrs	151	-	151	-	-	-	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	249	-	249	-	-	-	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	231	-	231	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	226	-	226	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	194	-	194	-	-	-	16	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	207	-	207	-	-	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	206	-	206	-	-	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	203	-	203	-	-	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	226	-	226	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	221	-	221	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	202	-	202	-	-	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	192	-	192	-	-	-	16	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	178	18	178	18	-	-	15	2	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	161	17	161	17	-	-	14	1	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	2,950	35	2,950	35	-	-	248	3	248	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	214	-	214	-	-	-	18	-	18	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	152	-	152	-	-	-	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	161	44	161	44	-	-	14	4	14	4	-	-	-	15	13	-	-	-
Subtotal	527	44	527	44	-	-	45	4	45	4	-	-	-	23	20	-	-	-
Totals	3,477	79	3,477	79	-	-	293	7	293	7	-	-	-	23	20	-	-	-
Percentage Error	0%		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%	

**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021**

	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 LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	81	81	-	20	20	-	4	4	-	3	3	-
One	68	68	-	17	17	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Two	77	77	-	19	19	-	4	4	-	3	3	-
Three	42	42	-	10	10	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Four	62	62	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	70	70	-	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	61	61	-	15	15	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Seven	46	46	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	50	50	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	46	46	-	11	11	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Ten	47	47	-	12	12	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Eleven	37	37	-	9	9	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Twelve	39	39	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	726	726	-	178	178	-	20	20	-	18	18	-
Special Ed - Elementary	85	85	-	21	21	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Special Ed - Middle School	59	59	-	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	75	75	-	18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	219	219	-	53	53	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Totals	945	945	-	231	231	-	22	22	-	20	20	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

Transportation

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County			Reported on DRTRS by District			Tested			Verified		
	Reported on	Errors	Percentage Error	Reported on	Errors	Percentage Error	Tested	Errors	Percentage Error	Verified	Errors	Percentage Error
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	1,030	-	0.00%	1,030	-	0.00%	188	-	0.00%	188	-	0.00%
Reg. - Sp Ed, col. 4	140	-	0.00%	140	-	0.00%	26	-	0.00%	26	-	0.00%
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	35	-	0.00%	35	-	0.00%	6	-	0.00%	6	-	0.00%
AIL - Non Public	52	-	0.00%	52	-	0.00%	10	-	0.00%	10	-	0.00%
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	188	-	0.00%	188	-	0.00%	34	-	0.00%	34	-	0.00%
Totals	1,445	-	0.00%	1,445	-	0.00%	264	-	0.00%	264	-	0.00%

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.A as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten						
One	5	5	-	4	4	-
Two	9	9	-	8	8	-
Three	3	3	-	3	3	-
Four	2	2	-	2	2	-
Five	3	3	-	3	3	-
Six	3	3	-	3	3	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	2	2	-	2	2	-
Nine	2	2	-	2	2	-
Ten	1	1	-	1	1	-
Eleven	2	2	-	2	2	-
Twelve	3	3	-	3	3	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	38	38	-	36	36	-
Special Ed - Elementary	3	3	-	3	3	-
Special Ed - Middle School	1	1	-	1	1	-
Special Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	4	4	-	4	4	-
Totals	42	42	-	40	40	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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REGULAR DISTRICT (continued):

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-] \$ 414,383.25 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** \$ 3,561,226.00 (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)] \$ 414,383.25 (E)

Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)] \$ 3,975,609.25 (D)

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, effective for the year ending June 30, 2016 the 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.
- (J5) Maintenance of Equity Aid and State Military Impact Aid received July 2022

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Extraordinary Aid	\$ <u>896,680.00</u>	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ <u>10,150.00</u>	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ -	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ -	(J4)
Maintenance of Equity Aid and State Military Impact Aid received July 2022	\$ -	(J5)
 Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)]	\$ <u><u>906,830.00</u></u>	(K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2022 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2022 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 Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

REGULAR DISTRICT (continued):

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory Restrictions:

Capital Reserve	\$ 2,118,664.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 2,346,723.00
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$ <u>884,241.59</u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ <u>5,349,628.59</u> (C4)

**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

Finding 2022-001*

The School District should not have cash which exceeds three months worth of average expenditures in their bank account.

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. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings except those marked with an asterisk (*) above.