AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 30, 2022

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### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Englewood Cliffs School District County of Bergen, 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 Englewood Cliffs School District in the County of Bergen for the year ended June 30, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 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 Borough of Englewood Cliffs Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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February 3, 2023



### <u>ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -</u> FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

### **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, 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 of the District's ACFR.

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

Name	Position	Amount
Jessenia Kan	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$100,000
Charles A. Hangley	Treasurer of School Monies	\$210,000
Jessenia Kan	Student Activity funds	\$10,000

The Treasurer of School Moneys was bonded in a surety bond in accordance with provisions of Title 18A:17-32.

### 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 the school district.

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

The original data submission did not require significant revision due to errors or omissions on the part of the district.

### **Administrative Practices and Procedures, (continued)**

### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were more than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the increase in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

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

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 Treasurer of School Moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents, and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 due date.

Reporting of employee compensation for income tax related purposes did comply with federal and state regulations regarding the compensation which is required to be reported.

**Finding 2022-01:** The District made a duplicate payment for SUI/FLI deductions/board contributions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 NJ-927 quarterly return.

**Recommendation:** The District contact the State of New Jersey to request a refund of the duplicate payment made for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 NJ-927 quarterly return.

**Finding 2022-02:** The payroll agency account is underfunded at 6/30/22 as a result of the board share of SUI deductions not being transferred into the account for each pay period.

**Recommendation:** Procedures be implemented to ensure the board share of SUI be included in the payroll transfers each pay period to ensure the account has an adequate balance to pay all deductions and taxes owed.

### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting, (continued)

### Payroll Account, (continued)

<u>Finding 2022-03:</u> An accumulated sick time payout was paid in excess of the amount contractually owed per the employment contract.

**Recommendation:** A more thorough review of all sick time payouts be made to ensure they are in compliance with employment contracts.

### Position Control Roster

The Position Control Roster was reviewed and compared to payroll records, employee benefit records and charges made to the general ledger to ensure proper and consistent financial reporting and that employee benefits are only offered to current employees.

### Reserve for Encumbrances, Liability for 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 reserves 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<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 expenditures. 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-8.2. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0.00% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

### Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's records were examined and found to be in good condition.

### Fixed Assets

The general fixed asset records were updated for the additions and disposals of general fixed assets made during the year.

### Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting, (continued)

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 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, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated that there were no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule K-3 and Schedule K-4 located in the ACFR.

Our audit 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 are contained within the Special Revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not identify any areas of noncompliance.

### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for the 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 Reports 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.

### Nonpublic State Aid

Project completion reports were finalized and transmitted to the State Department of Education by the due date.

### **School Purchasing Programs**

### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 contains definitions for terms used throughout N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. It includes as subsection (p) the term 'competitive contracting', which is defined as "the method described in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 through 18A:18A-4.5 and in rules promulgated by DCA at N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 of contracting for specialized goods and services in which formal proposals are solicited from vendors; formal proposals are evaluated by the purchasing agent or counsel or school business administrator; and the board of education awards a contract to a vendor or vendors from among the formal proposals received." Also, subsection (aa) defines the term 'concession' to exclude vending machines.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) sets forth the bid threshold and requires award by board resolution. There is a higher threshold when there is a "Qualified Purchasing Agent" (QPA) in the district as defined at N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.1 and certified upon approval of an application submitted to DCA. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(b), the bid threshold may be adjusted by the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, every five years.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.4 provides boards of education the authority to pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting. "In order to initiate competitive contracting, the board of education shall pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting each time specialized goods or services enumerated in sections 45 of L. 1999, c.440 are desired to be contracted."

Effective July 1, 2020 and thereafter, 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 currently \$20,200.

The 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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," 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, amended.

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

### **School Food Service**

The Board of Education Authorized the termination of the agreement with the New Jersey Department of Child Nutrition Programs related to the Paid Only Milk Program for the fiscal year 2022 school year.

### **Student Body Activities**

During our review of the Student Activity Funds the following exceptions were noted.

**Finding 2022-04:** A review of the student activity account revealed that sufficient supporting documentation for receipts was not always maintained nor were deposits made in a timely manner.

**Recommendation:** Proper records be maintained for the student activity account and all deposits be made in a more timely fashion.

### **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a 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, bilingual and low-income. 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, 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 District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The District has adequate written procedure 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 Reported. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

<u>Finding 2022-05:</u> The district could not provide completed B6T and B8T forms for all students reported as Transported - Non-Public.

**Recommendation:** The district maintain all appropriate forms to support those students claimed on the District Report of Transported Resident Students.

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.

### **Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities**

The school district adhered to all the 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).

### **Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our procedures included a review on all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

### **Suggestions to Management:**

- The district close out its financial records in a more timely manner and present finalized board secretary and treasure reports for June to the Board for approval.
- The balance in the milk fund be closed and transferred to the general fund.
- All cash collections for the district's proprietary funds be posted as revenue rather than as budget offsets.
- Stale dated checks be reviewed and cancelled if appropriate; reconciling items on all bank reconciliations be cleared as soon as possible.
- Greater oversight of professional service contracts is warranted to ensure maximum dollar limits are established and, if exceeded, that further increases are approved by the Board of Education in accordance with Board Policy 0177 and NJAC 6A:23A-9.3c.

### 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,

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## SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

### BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Application for State School Aid Summary Enrollment as of October 15, 2021

Year ended June 30, 2022

		2020-2021 Application for State School Aid	ation for State Sch	nool Aid			Š	Sample for Verification	rification			Pı	Private Schools for Disabled	or Disabled	
	Reported	Rep	Reported on			Sample Selected from	le	Verified	ed			Renorted on	Sample		
	On Roll	Ö	On Roll	Em	Errors	Workpapers	bers	On Roll	<u>oll</u>	Errors	<u> SIS</u>	ASSA as	for		
Enrollment Category Full Day Preschool 3vrs	Full Sh	Shared Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors
Full Day Preschool 4yrs	∞	∞				∞		~							
Full Day Kindergarten	31	31				31		31							
One	36	36				36		36							
Two	09	09				09		09							
Three	28	28				28		28							
Four	40	40				40		40							
Five	38	38				38		38							
Six	40	40				40		40							
Seven	41	41				41		41							
Eight	41	41				41		41							
Subtotal	363	363				363		363							
Special Ed. Elementary	31	31				28		28				2	2	2	
Special Ed. Middle Special Ed. High School	11	11				∞		∞				"	C	c	
Subtotal	42	42				36		36				) v	1 4	1 4	
Totals	405	405				399		399				S	4	4	
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### BORDUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Application for State School Aid Summary Enrollment as of October 15, 2021

Year ended June 30, 2022

Sample for Verification	Verified to Test score Sample	•.	1													
Sample	Sample Selected from		1										Re-	calc.	7.5 7.8 4.8	
ne		Errors												Reported	5.7 5.7 8.4	
Resident LEP Low Income	Reported on Reported on A.S.S.A as Workpapers LEP low														Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Avg. Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs	
į		Errors								[				Errors	12 Avg. Mil Avg. Mil Avg. Mil 12	6.28%
Sample for Verification	Verified to Application and	<u>.</u>	1 											Verified	98 74 10 9	ļ
Sample 1	Sample selected from	workpapers										rtation		Tested	98 86 10 9	
		Errors										Transportation		Errors		
Low Income	Reported on workpapers as Low	Income											Reported on DRTRS	by District	144 126 12 10 292	
	Reported on A.S.SA. as Low	Income											Reported on DRTRS by	DOE/county	144 126 12 10 292	
		Enrollment category	Full Day Preschool Full Day Kindergarten	Two	Three Four	Five Six	Seven Fioht	Special Ed. Elementary Special Ed. Middle School	Special Ed. High School		Percentage			Category	Regular - Public Schools, col. 1 Transported Non-Public Regular - Special Education, col. 4 Special needs, col. 6 <b>Totals</b>	Percentage

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Application for State School Aid Summary Enrollment as of October 15, 2021

Year ended June 30, 2022

	Resident	Resident LEP Not Low Income	ome	Sam	Sample for Verification	_
	Reported on	Reported on				
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers		Sample	Verified to	
	LEP Not low	LEP Not low		Selected from	Test score	Sample
Enrollment category	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Preschool						
Full Day Kindergarten	7	7		7	7	
One	1	1			1	
Two	S	5		5	5	
Three						
Four	1	1				
Five						
Six	1	1				
Seven						
Eight	1	1		1	1	
Special Ed. Elementary	1	1			1	
Special Ed. Middle School Special Ed. High School						
	17	17		15	15	
Sent to BCSS						
	17	17		15	15	
Percentage						

### $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOARD OF EDUCATION} \\ \underline{\textbf{EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION}} \end{array}$

### REGULAR DISTRICT

### SECTION 1

### A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2021-22 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:  Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ 16,842,751 (B)  \$ (B1a)  \$ (B1b)  \$ (B1c)  \$ (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases  Adjusted 21-22 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 2,688,748 (B2a) \$ 87,635 (B2b) \$ 14,066,368 (B3)
4% of Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 562,655 (B4) \$ 562,655 (B5) \$ 255,330 (K)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]  SECTION 2	\$ <u>817,985</u> (M)
	\$ 817,985 (M)  \$ 5,794,300 (C)  \$ 546,704 (C1)  \$ (C2)  \$ (C3)  \$ 4,429,611 (C4)  \$ (C5)

### ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOARD OF EDUCATION $\underline{ \text{EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION} }$

### **SECTION 3**

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus*** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ <u>0</u> (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022	
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's	
Expenditures **	\$ - (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]	\$ 0 (E)
Total [(C3) + (E)]	\$ 0 (D)

- 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 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**

Impact Aid	\$	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 218,790	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 36,540	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$	(J4)
Total Adjustments $[(H)+\{I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]$	\$ 255,330	(K)

- \*\* This amount represents the June 30, 2022 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
- \*\*\* Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2022 CAFR and the sum of the two lines must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.
- Amount for Other Reserved 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 an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have Departmental approval.

  District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

### **Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:		
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ 	
Sale/Lease-back reserve	\$	
Capital Reserve	\$ 3,919,484	
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 260,127	
Emergency Reserve	\$ 250,000	
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 reserve	\$ 	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 4,429,611	(C4)

### ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

### Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Reporting

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

The district contact the State of New Jersey to request a refund of the duplicate payment made for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2021 NJ-927 quarterly return.

Procedures be implemented to ensure the board share of SUI be included in the payroll transfers each pay period to ensure the account has an adequate balance to pay all deductions and taxes owed.

A more thorough review of all sick time payouts be made to ensure they are in compliance with employment contracts.

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

Proper records be maintained for the student activity account and all deposits be made in a timely fashion.

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

The district maintain all appropriate forms to support those students claimed on the District Report of Transported Resident Students.

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 take on all prior year findings.