NORTH ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education North Arlington School District North Arlington, New Jersey

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 Board of Education of the North Arlington School District in the County of Bergen for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 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 North Arlington 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.

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Secaucus, New Jersey March 13, 2023

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 Athletic Fund, The Student Activity Fund, Food Service Fund and Special Revenue Fund 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 ACFR.

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

<u>Name</u>	Position	<u>Amount</u>
Samantha Dembowski	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$250,000

There is an Employee Dishonesty and Unfaithful Performance Policy with the School Alliance Insurance Fund covering all other employees with coverage of \$500,000.

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A. 18A:16-13.3 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.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and the Board's required payroll contributions were deposited in the Agency Reserve Account.

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

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

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2022 or proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No discrepancies were noted.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (Continued)

Travel

No exceptions were noted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(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 classification to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3. 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.

A. General Classification Findings - No exceptions were noted

B. Administrative Classification Findings - No exceptions were noted

Board Secretary's Records/Business Administrator

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator did not disclose any exceptions.

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 Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary School Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B 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.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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.

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 for all federal awards for the District to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payment made by the State on-behalf of the District for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management, but prior to the 90 days required by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:66-90. Accordingly, the expenditure was made in accordance with State law (90 days) and properly reported as obligated and not expended and as an unliquidated balance in the current year's Final Report for all federal awards.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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

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.

Based on the results of our examination, 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 SERVICES

Public Health Emergency

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency all 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, the District was required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals 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. SFAs operated under this federal waiver.

As a result, the District was required to provide meals in accordance with the regulations governing the National School Nutrition Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The District could also choose to participate in the National School Lunch Program utilizing standard counting and claiming practices.

The District was authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with its food service management company (FSMC) in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A.18A:18A-7. The District was 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.

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

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the District had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the District's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES

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 District 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 District.

STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Overall, cash receipts and disbursements records for the schools were maintained in satisfactory condition.

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2021, Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low income and bilingual. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. 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 2021-22 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with some exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures also 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 agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

TESTING FOR LEAD OF ALL DRINKING WATER IN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The 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 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

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.

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Secaucus, New Jersey March 13, 2023

NORTH ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

		2022-2	2022-2023 Application for State School Aid	1 for State Schoo	ol Aid				Sample of Verification	erification				Private Schools for Disabled	s for Disabled	
	Repor A.S.	Reported on A.S.S.A.	Reported on Workpapers	ed on apers	ŗ		San Selecte	Sample Selected from	Verified per Registers	ed per sters	Errors per Registers	s per sters	Reported on A.S.S.A.	Sample for	-	-
	On Koll Full	Koll Shared	On Koll Full	coll Shared	Full	rs Shared	Work Full	Workpapers II Shared	Full 0	Shared	On Koll Full	coll Shared	Private Schools	Veriti- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Full Day Preschool (4yr)	50	'	50				50	,	50				'			
Full Day Kindegarten	126	'	126				126		126		•		'			
One	133	'	133				133		133		•		'			
Two	125	'	125				125		125		•		'			
Three	117	'	117				117		117		•		'			
Four	114	'	114			'	114		114		'	'	'	'	'	'
Five	111	'	111			'	111		111		'	'	'	'	'	'
Six	137	'	137			'	137		137		'	'	'	'	'	'
Seven	134	'	134			,	134		134		'		'	,		
Eight	121	'	121		'		121	'	121		•	'	'	'	'	'
Nine	142	'	142		'		142	'	142		•	'	'	'	'	'
Ten	121	'	121				121		121		'	'		'		
Eleven	98	'	98			'	98		98		'	'	'	'	'	'
Twelve	111	'	111			'	111		111		'	'	'	'	'	'
Subtotal	1,640	•	1,640	'	'	•	1,640	•	1,640	'	•	•	•	•	•	•
Special Education-Elementary	118		118				118		118				7	9	9	
Special Education-Middle	99	'	99		'		99	'	99		'	'	-	-	-	'
Special Education-Highschool	86	'	86				86		86				10	6	6	
Subtotal	270		270	•	•		270	•	270	•		•	18	16	16	•
TOTALS	1,910		1,910				1,910		1,910				18	16	16	
Percentage Error					0.00%						0.00%					0.00%

OL DISTRICT	SCHOOL AID SUMMARY	DBER 15, 2021
NORTH ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY	ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	I	Resident Low Income		Sa	Sample for Verification		Resi	Resident LEP Low Income	IC	Sa	Sample for Verification	
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Reported on Workpapers		Sample	Verified to		Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to	
	Low Income	as Low Income	Errors	Selected from Workpapers	Application and Register	Sample Errors	LEP low Income	as LEP low Income	Errors	from Workpapers	Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindegarten	25	25		13	13		ŝ	ŝ		m	ę	
One	16	16	1	6	6	'	2	2		2	2	,
Two	30	30		11	11	•	8	8		8	8	
Three	31	31		14	14	'	9	9		4	4	
Four	31	31		17	17	'	5	5		4	4	
Five	30	30		19	19	'	3	3		3	ς,	
Six	32	32		24	24	•	3	3		3	3	•
Seven	25	25		8	8		3			ŝ	3	
Eight	21	21		15	15					'		
Nine	34	34		24	24					'		
Ten	19	19		16	16		2	2		2	2	
Eleven	23	23		13	13		2	2		2	2	
Twelve	21	21		14	14		2	2		2	2	
Subtotal	338	338	•	197	197	•	41	41	.	36	36	•
Special Education-Elementary	30	30		9	9		-	-		-	-	
Special Education-Middle	20	20	'	1	1	'	2	2		1	1	
Special Education-Highschool	25	25		4	4	•						•
Subtotal	75	75		11	Π		3	3		2	2	1
TOTALS	413	413		208	208		44	44		38	38	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
			Transportation	rtation								
	Reported on	Reported on									Q	B-++-11
	DOE/County	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	Reg Avg (Mileage) = Regular including	Reg Avg (Mileage) = Regular including Grade PK Students (Part A)	urt A)	Reported 8.8	Recalculated 8.8
RegPublic Schools	20	20	,	15	15		Reg Avg (Mileage Snecial Avg = Sne	Reg Avg (Mileage) = Regular excluding Gr Special Avσ = Special Fd w/ Special Needs	Reg Avg (Mileage) = Regular excluding Grade PK Students (Part B) Snecial Avo = Snecial Fd w/ Snecial Needs	art B)	8.8	8.8
Reg Special Education	12	12		10	10	'	0					
Special Ed. Spec Trans.	09	09	'	49	49	'						
TOTALS	92	92	1	74	74							
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%						

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SCHEDULE OF	

SECTION 1

Calculation A: 4 Percent Excess Surplus		
2021-22 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Exhibit C-1	\$ 38,887,913 (A)	
Increased by Applicable Operating Transfers: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Transfer from Reserve to Capital Projects Transfer from G/F to SRF for Preschool - Regular Transfer from G/F to SRF for Preschool - Inclusion	800,000 (A1a) - (A1a) - (A1a) 123,579 (A1a)	
Less: Expenditures Allocated to Restricted Federal Resources as Reported on Exhibit D-2	(A1b)	
2021-22 Adjusted General Fund & Other State Expenditures [(A) - (A1)-(A1b)]		\$ 39,811,492 (A2)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases: General Fund 10 Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases reported on Exhibit C-1a	<u>\$ (54,370)</u> (A4)	\$ (6,204,781) (A3)
Add: General Fund & State Resources Portion of Fund 15 Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases: Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases in Fund 15 reported on Exhibit C-1a	(A5)	
Combined General Fund Contribution & State Resources % of Fund 15 Resources Reported on Exhibit D-2	<u>0.00%</u> (A6)	
General Fund & State Resources Portion of Fund 15 Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases [(A5) x (A6)]	(A7)	
Total Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases [(A4) + (A7)]		(54,370) (A8)
2021-22 General Fund Expenditures [(A2) - (A3) - (A8)]		\$ 33,552,341 (A9)
4% of Adjusted 2021-2022 General Fund Expenditures [(A9) x 4%]		\$ 1,342,094 (A10)
Enter Greater of (A10) or \$250,000		1,342,094 (A11)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*		666,629 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(A11) + (K)]		\$ 2,008,723 (M)
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 17,131,018</u> (C)	
Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures** Other Restricted Fund Balances**** Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C) - (C1) - (C2) - (C3) - (C4) - (C5)]	(574,478) (C1) - (C2) (4,296,046) (C3) (6,000,000) (C4) (276,736) (C5)	\$ 5,983,758 (U)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus***[(U) - (M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 3,975,035 (E)
Summary:	
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ 4,296,046 (C3)
Restricted Excess Surplus***[(E)]	 3,975,035 (E)
Total [(C3) + (E)]	\$ 8,271,081 (D)

* This adjustment line (line (K) as detailed below) is to utilized for Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back, Extraordinary Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid, and unbudgeted FICA Wage Freeze Grant Revenue, if applicable. Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid for 2021-22 received after June 30 is limited to the amount of revenue recognized in the audit year that was not appropriated.

Detail of Allowable Adjustements

Impact Aid	\$ - (H)
Sale & Lease-back	 - (I)
Extraordinary Aid	666,629 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	 - (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	 - (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	 - (J4)
Total Adjustments $[(H) + (I) + (J1) + (J2) + (J3) + (J4)]$	\$ 666,629 (K)

** See (E) above. The amount must agree with the June 30, 2021 ACFR and Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

- *** This amount represents the June 30, 2022 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
- **** Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balance must be detailed for each source and request for approval to use amounts other than state imposed legal restrictions in the excess surplus calculation must be submitted to that Assistant to the Commissioner – Field Services prior to September 30
 - (N1) Capital reserve at June 30, 2022
 - (N2) Maintenance reserve minimum required under EFCFA
 - (N3) Tuition reserve at June 30, 2022
 - (N4) Emergency reserve at June 30, 2022
 - (N5) School bus fuel offset reserve current year June 30, 2022
 - (N6) School bus fuel offset reserve prior year June 30, 2022
 - (N7) Impact Aid general fund reserve at June 30, 2022
 - (N5) Impact Aid capital fund reserve at June 30, 2022

Detail of Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	
Sale/lease-back reserve	-
Capital reserve (N-1)	6,000,000
Maintenance reserve (N-2)	-
Tution reserve (N-3)	-
Emergency reserve (N-4)	-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year (N-5)	-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year (N-6)	-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Section 8002 and 8003) (N-7)	-
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Section 8007 and 8008) (N-8)	-

Total Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance

\$ 6,000,000 (C4)

NORTH ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Services

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Testing for Lead and All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

None

10. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

Not Applicable