

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT
REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS**

**FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND
PERFORMANCE**

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY)**

JUNE 30, 2022

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**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and
Members of Board of Trustees
Principle Academy Charter School
County of Atlantic, 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 Trustees of the Principle Academy Charter School (the "Charter School") in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey 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 State of 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 Charter School Board of Trustees' 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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Leonora Galleros, CPA
Public School Accountant
PSA No. 20CS00239400

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Galleros Robinson CPAs, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

March 10, 2023
Cream Ridge, New Jersey

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Trustees of Principle Academy Charter School (the "Charter School"), and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Required insurance coverages, including fire insurance coverage, are carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the Charter School's ACFR.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Michael Falkowski	School Business Administrator	\$180,000

Adequate insurance is in effect with a duly licensed and authorized insurance company for all employees for the faithful performance of their duties.

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. However, in accordance with the bill amendment on June 2021, Chapter 44 is only applicable to Charter Schools that has a collective bargaining agreement. Principle Academy Charter School do not have a collective bargaining agreement, therefore this provision is not applicable.

Tuition Charges

A review of the financial statements indicated that the Charter School charged no tuition for any student attending the Charter School.

Financial Planning, Accounting, and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review we noted that claims were approved by designated individuals, certified and supporting documents were maintained. No exception noted.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED**

Financial Planning, Accounting, and Reporting - Continued

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 designee of the Charter School and were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the general fund. Activities of the payroll agency accounts are accounted for via spreadsheets, and not in the general ledger system.

Payrolls were delivered to the secretary of the board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2022, for proper classification of purchase orders as Reserved for Encumbrances or Accounts Payable. No exception was noted in this area.

Travel Policy

A travel policy was adopted by the Board as required by *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A A-6.13* and *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)* and line item details as described in the Budget Summary Key as part of our test of transactions of judgmentally selected expenditure items.

We also reviewed coding of all expenditures included in our Compliance and Single Audit testing procedures. In addition to the selected expenditures items, we 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, we noted no deviations in expenditure or administrative coding classifications.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED**

Financial Planning, Accounting, and Reporting - Continued

Board Secretary's Records

We reviewed the Board Secretary's financial and accounting records maintained by the Business Office and noted that monthly reports are provided to the Board for review and approval.

Treasurer's Records

Monthly reports and reconciliation of accounts were prepared and were presented to the Board by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The ESEA 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 IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The Charter School's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A and B 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.

Teachers' Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the electronic reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for Charter School employees who are members of the Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund. We noted no exceptions.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The reimbursement to the State for the amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's

Final Report(s) for all federal awards for Charter School to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the Charter School for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the 90 days required by the Office of Grants Management. Accordingly, the expenditure was made in accordance with State law (90 not expended and as an unliquidated balance in the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards. We noted no exceptions.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED**

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: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 Charter school board of trustees 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 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 Service

Public Health Emergency

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COVID 19 Virus all Public, Charter, Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to Free and Reduced-Price eligible students during the period of school closures. 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.

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

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 Free and Reduced-Price meal eligible students.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED**

School Food Service - Continued

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

The 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 SFA 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 SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

Non-program foods were not purchased, prepared, sold or offered for sale by the Charter School.

We also inquired of management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible 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.

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

Charter School Enrollment System/Charter School Aid

Our audit procedures included tests of information reported on October 15th and the last day of the school year for enrolled, special education, bilingual and low-income students. We also performed a review of the Charter School's procedures related to its completion and noted no exceptions.

Finding 2022-001

We noted that the Charter School continued the practice of digital review, as had been appropriate during the pandemic. We were however informed that the Household Information Surveys were stored electronically was digitally reviewed.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Charter School sign off on the Certification section of the Household Information Surveys as evidence of its review by appropriate personnel.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The Charter School has inventory records of assets. No exception was noted in this area.

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
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Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The Charter School 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 Charter School 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

There was no prior year finding.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the Charter School and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of our audit team.

Respectfully submitted,



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March 10, 2023
Cream Ridge, New Jersey

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021**

Grades	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Reported on workpapers	Errors	50% Verification			Verified #			Submission to DOE Reported			Verified #			Low Income	Verified documentation	Errors
				required 10/15/21	signed registration forms	Errors	days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed/Bilingual	Verified documentation	Errors	days Service Provided	Errors					
Kindergarten	27	27	-	14	14	-	14	-	1	1	-	1	-	25	25	-		
One	71	71	-	36	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	63	-		
Two	76	76	-	38	38	-	38	-	5	5	-	5	-	71	71	-		
Three	75	75	-	38	38	-	38	-	5	5	-	5	-	65	65	-		
Four	75	75	-	38	38	-	38	-	12	12	-	12	-	70	70	-		
Five	74	74	-	37	37	-	37	-	15	15	-	15	-	65	65	-		
Six	69	69	-	35	35	-	35	-	10	10	-	10	-	62	62	-		
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	467	467	-	236	236	-	236	-	48	48	-	48	-	421	421	-		
Percentage			0%			0%		0%			0%		0%			0%		

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

Grades	Submission to DOE reported		50% Verification required			Verified signed registration forms			Verified # days enrolled			Submission to DOE Reported Special Ed/Bilingual		Verified # days Service Provided			Low Income		Verified documentation	
	On Roll	Errors	workpapers	Errors	6/30/2022	Errors	enrolled	Errors	Ed/Bilingual	documentation	Errors	Provided	Errors	Income	documentation	Errors				
Kindergarten	27	-	27	-	14	-	14	-	1	1	-	1	-	25	25	-				
One	72	-	72	-	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	59	-				
Two	76	-	76	-	38	-	38	-	5	5	-	5	-	69	69	-				
Three	71	-	71	-	36	-	36	-	5	5	-	5	-	60	60	-				
Four	77	-	77	-	39	-	39	-	11	11	-	11	-	68	68	-				
Five	76	-	76	-	38	-	38	-	15	15	-	15	-	65	65	-				
Six	72	-	72	-	36	-	36	-	10	10	-	10	-	63	63	-				
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Total	471	-	471	-	237	-	237	-	47	47	-	47	-	409	409	-				
Percentage				0%		0%		0%			0%		0%			0%				

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY)**

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2022

SECTION 1

A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2021-22 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$ <u>8,541,842</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$ _____	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ _____	(B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ <u>1,080,188</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ _____	(B2b)
Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ <u>7,461,654</u>	(B3)
4% of Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	\$ <u>298,466</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ <u>298,466</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ _____	(K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>298,466</u>	(M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2022 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ <u>1,607,842</u>	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ _____	(C1)
Legally Restricted – Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ _____	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$ _____	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance – Unreserved- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ <u>1,607,842</u>	(U1)
Excess Surplus at June 30, 2022	\$ <u>1,309,376</u>	

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus*** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ <u>1,309,376</u>	(E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022

Reserved Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ _____	(C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]	\$ <u>1,309,376</u>	(E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]	\$ <u>1,309,376</u>	(D)

Charter schools are not subject to the excess surplus limitations. Accordingly, charter school auditors are not required to document the calculation of excess surplus.

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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

III. School Purchasing Programs

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Charter School Enrollment System/Charter School Aid

We recommend that the Charter School sign off on the Certification section of the Household Information Surveys as evidence of its review by appropriate personnel.

VII. Pupil Transportation

Not Applicable.

VIII. Miscellaneous

There are none.

**PRINCIPLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY - CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There was no prior year finding.