

**LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY
CHARTER SCHOOL, INC
COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2022**

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
Auditor's Management Report on Administrative
Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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

The Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Board of Trustees
LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc.
County of Camden, 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 LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc., in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, which were separately issued in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report dated March 16, 2023.

As part of our audit, we also 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 issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Trustees of the LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and is intended for the information of the Charter School'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,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
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Scott P. Barron
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant No. CS 002459

Voorhees, New Jersey
March 16, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The audit covered the financial transactions of the School Business Administrator / Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on exhibit J-20, insurance schedule, contained in the Charter School's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (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>
Yusein Durakov	School Business Administrator	\$250,000.00
Terry W. Henry	Treasurer of School Moneys	260,000.00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.00.

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 under audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted did include all health benefit plans offered by the Charter School.

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of sampled employees of the School District were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Sampled payrolls were approved by the Chief Operations Officer/ Lead Person and were certified by the Treasurer and the School Business Administrator.

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

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the School Business Administrator who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING CONT'D

Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

Travel

Our procedures performed on travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

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 randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

Treasurer of School Moneys' Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer of School Moneys indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (E.S.S.A.)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I, II, III and IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The audit of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The Charter School's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a sample 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 other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

TPAF Reimbursement

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

TPAF 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 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 end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management and N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. The expenditure was inspected 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 the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000.00 (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 \$20,200.00 for 2021-22.

The Charter School's Members of the 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 audit, 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 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 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 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 \$100,000.00 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. 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.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position (ACFR exhibit B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

We also 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 Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) 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. The FSMC did not apply for and receive a loan in accordance with the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP).

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

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

STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

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

ENROLLMENT COUNTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Our audit procedures included a sample of enrollment information on October 15, 2021 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

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

FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continuing Disclosure Agreements

The Charter School complied with its most recent continuing disclosure agreements made in relation to prior year bond issuances.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The School District complied with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the 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'S FINDINGS


There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



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LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

Grade	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Sample												
		Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	130	61				61		7	7		7		49	49
One	128	61				61		6	6		6		57	57
Two	128	72				72		8	8		8		63	63
Three	125	71				71		5	5		5		62	62
Four	130	69				69		11	11		11		61	61
Five	129	57				57		2	2		2		52	52
Six	126	55				55		10	10		10		47	47
Seven	129	72				72		3	3		3		58	58
Eight	129	64				64		14	14		14		52	52
Nine	131	59				59		5	5		5		48	48
Ten	135	63				63		10	10		10		48	48
Eleven	131	70				70		8	8		8		58	58
Twelve	123	63				63		5	5		5		48	48
Total	1,674	837	-	-	837	-	94	94	-	94	-	703	703	-

Percentage

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2022

Grade	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Sample					Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
							Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors			
Kindergarten	130	69			69		7	7		7			57	57
One	128	67			67		5	5		5			53	53
Two	128	56			56		3	3		3			40	40
Three	125	54			54		8	8		8			39	39
Four	130	61			61		10	10		10			48	48
Five	129	72			72		14	14		14			50	50
Six	126	71			71		15	15		15			59	59
Seven	129	57			57		3	3		3			46	46
Eight	129	65			65		12	12		12			51	51
Nine	131	72			72		15	15		15			51	51
Ten	135	72			72		12	12		12			47	47
Eleven	131	61			61		6	6		6			41	41
Twelve	123	60			60		10	10		10			39	39
Total	1,674	837	-	-	837	-	120	120	-	120	-	621	621	-

Percentage

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
Audit Recommendations Summary
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

Not applicable

7. Charter School Enrollment (CHE)

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

