CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2023

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Clifton Board of Education Clifton, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Clifton Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2024.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey February 1, 2024

# **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator, the activities of the Board of Education, 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 the Insurance Schedule (Exhibit J-20), contained in the District's ACFR.

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

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Michael Ucci	School Board Secretary/Business Administrator	\$605,000
Ahmed Shehata, MBA, MPA	Assistant Board Secretary/Business Administrator	\$10,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with Zurich Insurance Co. covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

# P.L. 2020, c44

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 of 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.

# **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the adjustment in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

# Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification and approvals of supporting documentation.

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

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

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.

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

# Reserve for Encumbrances and 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 reserve 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.

Finding 2023-1 – Our audit of year end liabilities indicated certain purchase orders were not properly classified as accounts payable and encumbrances.

**Recommendation** – Procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure open purchase orders are reviewed at year end for accuracy, appropriateness and proper classification as an accounts payable or encumbrance.

Finding 2023-2 – Our audit of accounts payable revealed that the general ledger balances at year end were not in agreement with the detailed accounts payable listing for the General and Special Revenue Funds.

**Recommendation** – Procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure year end accounts payable general ledger balances are in agreement with the detailed report for the General and Special Revenue Funds.

#### Travel

The District had an approved Board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-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) 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 classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classifications.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

# Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed the following items:

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in very good condition.

The Board Secretary's and Chief School Administrator's reports were presented monthly to the Board and were submitted to the executive county superintendent as prescribed (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36)...

The Board Secretary did file other financial reports with the Board which contained schedules similar to those reported in the State prescribed report.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

The pre-numbered contractual order system was followed.

**Finding 2023-3** – Our audit indicated that budgetary overexpenditures exist at year end in the Special Revenue Fund, since transfers were not made between the sub-accounts in the Preschool Education Aid Program.

**Recommendation** – Internal control procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure transfers are made to prevent expenditures in excess of available budget appropriations in the Special Revenue Fund.

# Chief School Administrator's Records

The following items were noted during our review of the records of the Chief School Administrator.

The Chief School Administrator did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account and payroll accounts (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Chief School Administrator's records were in agreement with the Board Secretary's records.

# **Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund**

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General Fund.

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 Fund of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, II, III and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Our examination 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.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

# I.D.E.A., Part B

Separate accounting records were maintained for each approved project.

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

# Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and Exhibit 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.

# T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursements 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 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 subsequent 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 Department by the due date.

### **School Purchasing Programs**

# Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) 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.

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.

The results of our examination did indicate that individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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, amended.

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

### **School Purchasing Programs (Continued)**

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that the district purchase items through the use of State contracts.

# **Food Service Fund**

School Food Authorities (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.

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. 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.

Non-program funds were purchased, prepared and offered for sale.

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.

The financial transactions and records of the school food service fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, were reviewed on a test-check basis. Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The district utilized a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which does not guarantee that the food service program will return a profit.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

**Finding** – The District was subject to a Resource Management Comprehensive Review by the New Jersey Department of Agricultures (NJDA) during the 2022/23 school year. A corrective action plan was prepared by the District and approved by the NJDA, therefore no recommendation is warranted.

# Food Service Fund (Continued)

Net cash resources did exceed three months average expenditures.

U.S.D.A. commodities were received and a separate inventory were maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position (ACFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the ACFR.

# Student Activity/Athletic Accounts

The Board has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity and athletic accounts.

Cash reports and cash disbursements were maintained in satisfactory condition.

# **Summer Enrichment Program**

Separate revenue and expense records and billing journals were maintained for the summer enrichment program.

# **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income, related services and bilingual education. 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 with immaterial exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with isolated exceptions. 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 2022/23 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with no exception. The information that was included in the district workpapers was verified with minor 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 contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

# **Facilities and Capital Assets**

The District had no SDA grant projects during the current year.

# Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The school district adhered to all requirements of N.J.A.C. 26-12 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).

# Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations.

# Suggestions to Management

- Old reconciling items on the District's bank reconciliations be reviewed and cleared of record.
- Consideration be given to review the operations of its Food Service Enterprise Fund to ensure that the net cash resources do not exceed the three months average expenses.
- Review the Payroll Agency account to ensure adequate funding.
- Interfund balances between various funds be reviewed and liquidated before year end.

# CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

# CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND CALCULATION OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,893,257
Due from Other Governments		1,133,350
Accounts Receivable		204,522
Current Liabilities		
,		(74.525)
Accounts Payable  Due to Other Funds		(74,535)
		(300,781)
Unearned Revenue		(53,693)
Net Cash Resources	\$	2,802,120
Adjusted Total Operating Expense:		
Total Operating Expenses	\$	8,247,032
Less Depreciation	Ψ	(279,561)
Dess Depreciation		(27),301)
Adjusted Total Operating Expense	<u>\$</u>	7,967,471
<b>Average Monthly Operating Expense:</b>	\$	796,747
Three Times Monthly Average:	<u>\$</u>	2,390,241
Total Net Cash Resources	\$	2,802,120
Three Times Monthly Average	<b>J</b>	
Timee Times Mondiny Average		2,390,241
Excess Cash Resources	\$	411,879

#### CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid			Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled									
•	Reported	on	Reported or	n			Samp	le	Verifie	d per	Errors pe	r	Reported or	Sar	nple			
	A.S.S.A.		Workpaper	'S			Selected	from	Regist		Registers		A.S.S.A. as	f	or			
	On Roll		On Roll		Erro	ors	Workpa	pers	On Ro	oll	On Rol		Private	Ve	rifi-	Sample	Sample	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cat	tion	Verified	Errors	
HACD - Darrah - 12 War - Old																		
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old																		
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old			1.50		(1.10)		50				(1)							
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old	4		153		(149)	-	59		60		(1)							
3yr Pre-School Sent (State Paid)	149		401		149													
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old	206		401		(195)	-	60		60		-							
4yr Pre-school Sent (State Paid)	188				188													
Half Day Kindergarten																		
Full Day Kindergarten	628		629		(1)	-	81		81		-							
Grade 1	687		687		-	-	73		73		-							
Grade 2	632		632		-	-	73		73		-							
Grade 3	607		606		1	-	84		84		-							
Grade 4	637		636		1	-	142		142		-							
Grade 5	671		670		1	-	82		82		-							
Grade 6	646		646		-	-	336		336		-							
Grade 7	639		639		_	_	312		312		_							
Grade 8	656		656		_	-	324		324		_							
Grade 9	706		706		-	_	706		706		_							
Grade 10	678		678		-	_	678		678		_							
Grade 11	629		629		_	_	629		630		(1)							
Grade 12	550		550		_	_	550		550		_ (^)							
Post- Graduate	550		330		_	_	330		330		_							
Adult High School (15+ Credits)					_	_					_							
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)					_						_							
Subtotal	8,913		8,918		(5)		4,189		4,191		(2)							-
Subtotal	8,913	-	8,918	-	(3)	-	4,189	-	4,191	-	(2)	-			-	-	-	
Sp Ed - Elementary	911	_	910		1	-	154	-	154	_	_			18	5	5	-	
Sp Ed - Middle School	397		397		_	_	226	_	227	_	(1)			22	7	7	_	
Sp Ed - High School	491		491		_	_	490		491		(1)			41	12	12	_	
Subtotal	1,799		1,798	-	1	-	870	-	872	-	(2)			81	24	24	-	_
County Vocational - Regular					-						-							
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second			·····		<del>-</del>													_
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-	
Totals	10,712	-	10,716		(4)		5,059		5,063		(4)			81	24	24		- =
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Percentage Error				_	-0.04%					=	-0.00/0					:	0.0076	=

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		Low Income		Sampl	le for Verificati	on	Resdient 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 Workp	Verified to Application papers	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected	Verified to Test Score and Register	Errors	
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old													
Half Day Kindergarten													
Full Day Kindergarten	506	506	-	5	5	-	78	78	-	7	7	-	
Grade 1	515	517	(2)	5	5	-	70	67	3	6	6	-	
Grade 2	442	441	1	5	2	3	67	63	4	6	6	-	
Grade 3	421	421		4	4	-	66	64	2	6	6	-	
Grade 4	432	430	2	4	4	-	58	57	1	5	5	-	
Grade 5	447	444	3	5	5	-	40	36	4	4	4	-	
Grade 6	461	461	- (1)	5 5	5	- ,	36	31	5	3	3	-	
Grade 7 Grade 8	460 436	461 434	(1)	3	4	1	38 30	36 29	2	3	3	-	
Grade 8 Grade 9	456	434 466	2 1	5	4	- 1	45	29 45	-	3	3	-	
Grade 10	429	429	- 1	4	4	- 1	58	58	-	6	6	-	
Grade 11	391	390	- 1	4	4	-	37	37	-	4	4	-	
Grade 12	324	325	(1)	3	3	-	20	20	-	2	2	-	
Post- Graduate Adult High School (15+ Credits) Adult High School (1-14 Credits)													
Subtotal	5,731	5,725	6	58	53	5	643	621	22	60	60		
Sp Ed - Elementary	663	662	1	7	4	3	43	42	1	4	4	-	
Sp Ed - Middle School	295	293	2	3	3	-	7	7	-	1	1	_	
Sp Ed - High School	356	356		4	2	2	6	6		1	1		
Subtotal	1,314	1,311	3	14	9	5	56	55	1	6	6		
County Vocational - Regular County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second													
Subtotal	_	-		_	_	-			_	_			
Totals	7,045	7,036	9	72	62	10	699	676	23	66	66		
Percentage Error		_	0.13%			13.89%			3.29%			0.00%	

	Transportation							
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		
Reg Public Schools	2,324	2,324	-	52	52	-		
Transported - Non Public	150	150	-	3	3	-		
Regular - Special Ed	215	215	-	5	12	(7)		
Special Needs	503	503		11	4	7		
	3,192	3,192		71	71			
Percentage Error			-			0.00%		

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		LEP Not Low In	come	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on ASSA as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT low Income	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpa	Verified to Application opers	Errors		
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12 Post- Graduate	15 30 22 21 15 10 11 16 16 22 22 22	15 28 22 20 14 8 11 16 15 22 21 22 9	- 2 - 1 1 2 - - 1	4 7 5 5 3 2 3 4 4 5 5 5	4 7 5 5 3 2 3 4 4 5 5 5 5	- - - - - - - - - - - - -		
Adult High School (15+ Credits) Adult High School (1-14 Credits)								
Subtotal	231	223	8	54	54			
Sp Ed - Elementary Sp Ed - Middle School Sp Ed - High School	6 3	6 3 1	<u>-</u>	1	1	- - -		
Subtotal	10	10		2	2			
County Vocational - Regular County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second								
Subtotal								
Totals	241	233	8	56	56			
Percentage Error			3.32%		=			

# CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2022-2023 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$ 250,723,544	
Increased by: Transfers to Special Revenue Fund	2,219,007	
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	42,569,128	
Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures	210,373,423	
2% of Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	4,207,468 1,616,025	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 5,823,493
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2023 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$ 24,560,565	
Decreased by: Year End Encumbrances Capital Reserve Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Maintenance Reserve Unemployment Reserve Assigned Fund Balances - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	995,305 8,779,280 1,350,000 2,061,107 215,730 5,335,650	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 5,823,493
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		\$ -
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid Extraordinary Aid	\$ 251,372 1,364,653	
Total Adjustment	\$ 1,616,025	

# CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

#### I. **Administrative Practices and Procedures**

There are none.

#### II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. Procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure open purchase orders are reviewed at year end for accuracy, appropriateness and proper classification as an accounts payable or encumbrance.
- 2. Procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure year end accounts payable general ledger balances are in agreement with the detailed report for the General and Special Revenue Funds.
- 3. Internal control procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure transfers are made to prevent expenditures in excess of available budget appropriations in the Special Revenue Fund.

#### III. **School Purchasing Program**

There are none.

#### IV. **Food Service Fund**

There are none.

#### V. **Student Activity/Athletic Accounts**

There are none

#### VI. **Application for State School Aid**

There are none.

#### VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

# VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

#### IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

#### Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations X.

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

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