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

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Cresskill Board of Education Cresskill, 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 Cresskill Board of Education in the County of Bergen as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 9, 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 Education, 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.

LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP Certified Public Accountants

Public School Accountants

Robert W. Haag

Public School Accountant PSA Number CS002364

Fair Lawn, New Jersey January 9, 2024

#### Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business 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 Exhibit J-20 as reported in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

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

Name Position Amount

Dawn Delasandro Board Secretary/School
Business Administrator \$250,000

There is Public Employees' Dishonesty Insurance coverage with the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group (NESBIG) covering all other District employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000 per employee and \$500,000 per loss.

#### P.L 2020, c. 44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefits data required per N.J.S.A. 18A:16-3.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year of audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The school district 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 decrease 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 indicate any material discrepancies with respect to signature, certification and 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 tested were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies and health benefit withholdings were remitted to the General Fund.

The District filed the required certification (ECERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax compensation of certain administrators with the NJ Department of Treasury by the March 15 due date.

#### **Employee Position Control Roster**

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

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

#### 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 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.

#### 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 included administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3.

#### Travel

The Board has adopted a travel policy that complies with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

#### Board Secretary's Records

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed without exception.

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

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

#### Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund.

#### Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by 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 projects under Title I, Title IIA, Title III and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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 when the project was approved.

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

#### 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 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.

The financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

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 expenditures 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 to 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.

#### Scholarship Trust Account

The Board maintains various scholarship accounts and has established a Scholarship Trust Account. The financial transactions of this account are reported in the Special Revenue Fund.

#### **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. This law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under NJSA 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 fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Board Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

In as much as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

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

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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 provisions 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.

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 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

#### **Food Service Fund**

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 District does not participate in the School Nutrition Program.

The financial transactions and records of the School Food Services were maintained in good condition. The financial accounts were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

**Finding**— Our audit indicated that food service monies collected from September 2022 through May 2023 were made via mail-in method to the District's financial institution rather than through in-person deposit. As this practice was discontinued prior to the fiscal year end, no audit recommendation is warranted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the Enterprise Funds.

#### **Student Activity Funds**

The Board has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

Cash receipts and disbursements records for various schools were maintained in good condition.

Finding 2023-01 — Our audit indicated that aging checks remain outstanding on the student activity bank accounts reconciliations.

**Recommendation** – Old outstanding checks on the reconciliations of the student activity bank accounts be reviewed and cleared of record.

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

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low income bilingual and related services. 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 no exceptions noted. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with no exceptions noted. 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 without exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

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.

#### **Facilities and Capital Assets**

Our procedures included a review of the referendum related transactions and the awarding of contracts related to the projects.

#### 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 Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations, including findings. Corrective action has been taken on all prior year findings.

#### **Management Suggestions**

- The District continue its efforts to fund the unrestricted net position deficit of \$8,263 in the Food Service Enterprise Fund.
- An new inventory accounting report be obtained for District owned capital assets.

# CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS/MILKS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

#### SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

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

Sample for Verification

Private Schools for Disabled

2023-2024 Application for State School Aid

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Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	8	8		8	8				
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old									
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old									
Half Day Kindergarten									
Full Day Kindergarten	101	101		101	101				
1st Grade	112	112		38	38				
2nd Grade	111	111		66	66				
3rd Grade	133	133		55	55				
4th Grade	104	104		52	52				
5th Grade	120	120		49	49	- '-			
6th Grade	114	114		114	114				
7th Grade	100	100		100	100				
8th Grade	116	116		116	116				
9th Grade	108	108		108	108				
10th Grade	98	98		98	98				
11th Grade	86	86		86	86				
12th Grade	103 -	103 -		103	103				
Subtotal	1,418 -	1,418	-	1,098	1,098		-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	108	108		38	38		2	1 1	_
Spec Ed- Middle School	71	71		71	71		· 1	1 1	· _
Spec Ed - High School	79	79		79	79		10	2 2	-
Subtotal	258 -	258 -		188 -	188 -		13	4 4	-
Totals	1,676 -	1,676 -		1,286 -	1,286 -		13	4 4	-
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## CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

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Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs) Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	_		
Full Day Kindergarten	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-		
1st Grade	_		_	_	-	_	_	_	_	-		
2nd Grade	-	-		-	-	_	-	_	_	_		
3rd Grade	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	_	-	-	-	-		
4th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5th Grade	1.0	1.0	-			-	-	-	-	-		
6th Grade	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
7th Grade	1.0	1.0	-			=	-	-	-	-		
8th Grade	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
9th Grade	2.0	2.0	-		4.0	-	-	-	-	~		
10th Grade	4.0	4.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
11th Grade	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
12th Grade Subtotal	<del>-</del> 17			5	<u>-</u> 5	-		-		-		
Subtotal	17	17	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Spec Ed - Middle School	3 3.0	3	-	1	1 1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
Spec Ed - High School		3.0		1.0				_		_		
Subtotal	9	9	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-		
Totals	26	26	-	8	8		-	-	-	-		
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		=	0.00%		=	0.00%		0.00%	
Transportation												
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public Schools	47.0	47.0	-	14	14	-						

19

18

5.26%

Transported - Non-Public

Special Needs - Public

17.0

64.0

0.00%

17.0

64.0

Totals

Regular - Spec.

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

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Full Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	-		-	-	-	_	
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	=	-	-	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	26	26	-	7	7	_	
1st Grade	20	20	-	6	6	_	
2nd Grade	21	21	-	6	6	_	
3rd Grade	17	17	-	5	5	_	
4th Grade	12	12	-	4	4	_	
5th Grade	4	4	-	1	1	_	
6th Grade	7	. 7	-	2	2	_	
7th Grade	7	7	-	2	2	-	
8th Grade	2	2	-	1	1	-	
9th Grade	2	2	-	1	1	_	
10th Grade	3	3	-	1	1	-	
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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#### CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2022-2023 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR		\$	41,622,569
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			8,725,188
Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$</u>	32,897,381
2% of Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures		\$	657,948
Increased by Allowable Adjustments *			215,696
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$</u>	873,644
SECTION 2			
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2023		\$	7,542,952
Decreased by:			
Restricted Fund Balance - Capital Reserve	\$ 3,170,125		
Restricted Fund Balance - Maintenance Reserve	1,036,130		
Restricted- Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	869,745		
Unemployment Compensation Reserve	94,146		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Year End Encumbrances - Assigned and Committed	21,386		
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	 352,646		
			5,544,178
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		\$	1,998,774
SECTION 3			
Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		<u>\$</u>	1,125,130
Recapitalutation of Excess Surplus at June 30, 2023			
Reserved Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		\$	869,745
Reserved Excess Surplus			1,125,130
Total Excess Surplus		\$	1,994,875
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* Detail of Allowable Adjustments			
Unbudgeted Extraordinary Aid		<u>\$</u>	215,696

### CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

#### I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

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

There are none.

#### III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

#### IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

#### V. Student Body Activities

1. It is recommended that old outstanding checks on the reconciliations of the student activity bank accounts be reviewed and cleared of record.

#### VI. Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.)

There are none.

#### VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

#### IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

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

Corrective action has been taken on all prior year recommendations.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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