DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MORRIS AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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October 6, 2023

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Denville Township School District County of Morris, NJ

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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Denville Township School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 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 letter does not affect our report dated October 6, 2023, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and suggestions with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the suggestions.

This report is intended for the information of the Denville Township School District's Board of Education, 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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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, 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

Multi-peril insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's ACFR.

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

Name	Position	(Coverage
Paula Hatch	Treasurer of School Monies	\$	320,000
Damaris Gurowsky	Board Secretary/Business Administrator		350,000

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 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.

The data certification date does not reflect a submission date later than 60 days after the end of the enrollment period.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the change in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

All payrolls tested were approved by the Superintendent and certified by the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator, and the Superintendent.

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster (Cont'd)

The required certification (E-Cert1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents, and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 due date.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Finding 2023-001:

During our review of the subsidiary ledger for open purchase orders at June 30, 3023, it was noted that the purchase order for accrued payroll was not classified properly. Under the direction of the School Business Administrator, part of the purchase order was reclassified and the remaining balance cancelled. As such, a formal recommendation is deemed unwarranted.

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. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, we also reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures.

Board Secretary's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

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 herein within the Special Revenue Section of the District's ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title II, and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for the E.S.E.A. did not indicate any area of noncompliance.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

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 biweekly 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 T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures form was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2023. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 states:

a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the Board of Education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the Board of Education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999, c. 440 takes effect and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the Board of Education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made"

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Board of Education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law"

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

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 2022-2023.

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 Attorney'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 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. General compliance was noted.

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 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.

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.

School Food Service

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 the 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.

Non-program foods were not purchased, prepared or offered for sale.

We inquired of management about the public health emergency 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. A FSMC was not utilized.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Student Activities records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

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 disabled, low income and bilingual students. 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 a few errors. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis without exception. 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's written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2022-2023 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with minor errors. 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. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

There were no incomplete School Development Authority Projects for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations include requirements for the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel must be preapproved by the Board of Education and Superintendent and that a brief report detailing the key issues addressed at the travel event must be submitted after the travel event has occurred. Based on our testing of these regulations, general compliance was noted.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The District did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the NJ Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Management Suggestion

COVID-19 Federal Funding

It is likely that the District will undergo some review of its COVID-19 federal funding if only at a desk review level by state and/or federal agencies. We strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are accounted for in the state account numbers designated by the NJ Department of Education and that any applicable Board policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.

		2023-2024	Applicatio	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid	shool Aid				Sample for	Sample for Verification		
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	A.S.	A.S.S.A.	Work	Workpapers	I		Select	Selected from	Regi	Registers	Reg	Registers
	On	On Roll	On Roll	Roll	En	Errors	Work	Workpapers	On Roll	Roll	On Roll	Roll
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old	1				1							
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	10		11		(1)		11		11			
Full Day Kindergarten	167		167				167		167			
Grade One	164		164				164		164			
Grade Two	140		140				140		140			
Grade Three	159		159				159		159			
Grade Four	144		144				144		144			
Grade Five	137		137				137		137			
Grade Six	127		127				127		127			
Grade Seven	136		136				136		136			
Grade Eight	167		167				167		167			
Subtotal	1,352		1,352				1,352		1,352			
Special Ed - Elementary	220		220				17		17			
Special Ed - Middle School	110		110				8		8			
Subtotal	330		330				25		25			
Totals	1,682	-0-	1,682	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,377	-0-	1,377	-0-	-0-	-0-

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS **ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022** 0.00%

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Percentage Error

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022 DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

		Privat	e Schools	Private Schools for Disabled				R	esident Lo	Resident Low Income		
	Reported on	Reported on Reported on					Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	A.S.S.A. as	-		Sample			A.S.S.A.	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	Private	as Private		for	Sample	Sample	as Low	as Low		from	Application	Sample
	Schools	Schools	Errors	Errors Verification	Verified	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
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Grade One	1						. 6	. 6		1	1	
Grade Two							ι m	ι m				
Grade Four							2	2		1	-	
Grade Five							ε	ξ				
Grade Six							2	2				
Grade Seven							9	9		1	1	
Grade Eight							5	5				
Subtotal							28	28		3	3	
Special Ed:												
Elementary	9	9		2	2		14	15	(1)	2	2	
Middle	1	1		1	1		7	4	ŝ	1	1	
Subtotal	7	L		3	3		21	19	7	3	3	
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DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

			Resident LEF	Low Income		
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified to	
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers		Selected	Test Scores,	
	LEP Low	LEP Low		from	Application	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Kindegarten	1	1		1	1	
Grade Four	1	1				
Totals	2	2		1	1	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

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			Resident LEP N	ot Low Income		
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not Low	LEP Not Low		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	6	5	1	1	1	
Grade One	7	7		1	1	
Grade Two	12	12		1	1	
Grade Three	4	4				
Grade Four	3	3				
Grade Five	1	1		1	1	
Grade Six	2	2				
Grade Seven	1	1				
Grade Eight	6	5	1	1	1	
Subtotal	42	40	2	5	5	
Special Education:						
Elementary	2	2		1	1	
Middle School	1	1				
Subtotal	3	3		1	1	
Totals	45	43	2	6	6	
Percentage Erro	r		4.44%			0.00%

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

			Transpo	ortation		
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	692	692		16	16	
Regular - Special Education	82	82		2	2	
AIL - Non Public	53	53		1	1	
Transported - Non Public	5	5		1	1	
Special Needs (Public)	155	155		4	4	
Special Needs (Private)	5	5		1	1	
Totals	992	992		25	25	
F	Percentage Erro	or	0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	3.6	3.6
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	3.6	3.6
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	2.4	2.4

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-2023 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$44,332,296 (B) <u>\$ -0-</u> (B1a) <u>\$ 374,222</u> (B1b)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security Assets Acquired Under Leases and Financed Purchases	\$ 7,262,260 (B2a) \$ 20,803 (B2b)
Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$37,423,455 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustments	\$ 748,469 (B4) \$ 748,469 (B5) \$ 266,085 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	<u>\$ 1,014,554</u> (M)
SECTION 2	

Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]

<u>\$ 1,214,554</u> (U1)

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 (Continued)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$ 200,000 (E)
<u>Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023</u>	
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 200,000 (C3) \$ 200,000 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	<u>\$ 400,000</u> (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid Sale & Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid Above Average Enrollment Growth Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)]	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
<u>Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance</u>	
Statutory Restrictions: Approved Unspent Separate Proposal Sale/Lease-back Reserve Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Tuition Reserve School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - Current Year School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - Prior Year Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003) Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008) Unemployment Compensation Other State/Government Mandated Reserve Other Restricted Fund Balances Not Noted Above	$ \begin{array}{r} $
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 7,699,719</u> (C4)

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

It is recommended that:

1. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u>

None

2. <u>Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting</u>

None

3. <u>School Purchasing Program</u>

None

4. <u>School Food Service</u>

None

5. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

None

- 6. <u>Application for State School Aid</u> None
- 7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None

8. <u>Facilities and Capital Assets</u>

None

9. <u>Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations</u>

There were no prior year recommendations.