EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2023

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page No.

Independent Auditors' Report	1
Scope of Audit	2
Administrative Practices and Procedures	
Insurance	2
Official Bonds	2
Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting	
Examination of Claims	2
Payroll Account and Position Control Roster	3
Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	3
Classification of Expenditures	3
General Classifications	
Administrative Classifications	
Board Secretary's Records	3
Treasurer's Records	N/A
Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund	3
Elementary and Secondary Education Act	
as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)	4
Other Special Federal and/or State Projects	4
T.P.A.F. Reimbursement	4
T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures	4
Nonpublic State Aid	4
School Purchasing Programs	
Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids	5
School Food Service	5
Student Body Activities	6
Application for State School Aid	6
Pupil Transportation	6
Facilities and Capital Assets	6
Testing of Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities	6
Other Suggestions to Management	7
Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings	7
Acknowledgment	
Schedule of Meal Count Activity	N/A
Schedule of Net Cash Resources	
Schedule of Audited Enrollments	8
Excess Surplus Calculation	
Audit Recommendations Summary	14



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education East Brunswick Public Schools County of Middlesex, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of East Brunswick Public Schools, County of Middlesex as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 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 report is intended solely for the information and use of East Brunswick Public Schools' management and Board members, and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Cranford, New Jersey December 5, 2023

Sitt a Clilland

Scott A. Clelland, CPA Licensed Public School Accountant No. 1049

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 and 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 J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's ACFR.

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

Name	Position	Amount
Bernardo Giuliana	Business Administrator	\$ 750,000

There is an Employee Dishonesty Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$1,000,000 per loss. Additionally, the District abolished the Treasurer of School Moneys position effective January 1, 2019, as allowed by New Jersey State Statutes.

P.L.2020,c.44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefits data required under 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's data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district's Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the increase or 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 did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

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/Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.

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

Our review of the payroll accounts did not identify any exceptions.

Employee Position Control Roster

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify any inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records, the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted, and the Position Control Roster.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable and no exceptions were noted.

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 our randomly selected test samples, 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, a transaction error rate of 0% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed no exceptions.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The District 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. No exceptions were noted.

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 Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no instances of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A (K-3) and B (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.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not identify any exceptions.

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 amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report(s) 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 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.

Nonpublic State Aid

Our review of the Nonpublic State Aid completion reports disclosed no exceptions.

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 transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$20,200 for 2022-23.

The District 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.

The results of our examination, performed on a test basis, indicated that no 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*.

No exceptions were noted.

School Food Service

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 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 as to whether the School Food Authority (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.

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. 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.

Student Body Activities

During our audit of the student activity funds, on a test basis, we did not identify any exceptions.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 14, 2022 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent. The District written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Because Transportation Aid was not tested as a major program in the 2023 fiscal year, our audit procedure did not include a test of on-roll status reported in the 2022-2023 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). We did agree the information presented on the DRTRS by the County/NJDOE and compared to the information presented by the District without exception.

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

Our procedures included a review of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreements for consistency with recording NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

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

Other Suggestions to Management

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the food service net cash resources exceeded three times the average food service monthly operating expenses. We suggest the District develop a plan for the excess funds to be utilized in the subsequent year's allowable expenses that will further support the operation and enhance the child nutrition program, such as improving the nutritional quality of the food or purchasing equipment for the cafeteria as outlined in 7 CFR 210.14(a).

Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

There were no prior year findings.

There were no audit reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) during the 2023 fiscal year.

Acknowledgment

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

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

Note: Detailed testing over DRTRS and Non-Public Transportation was not performed for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 as the Transportation Aid was not tested as a major program in the current year for Single Audit purpose.

		2023-2024	Applicatior	n for State S	chool Ai	d	Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled			
		rted on	Repor	ted on			Sample	Verifie	ed per	Erro	rs per	Reported on	Sample		
		5.S.A.	Workp				Selected from	Regis			isters	A.S.S.A. as	for		
		Roll		Roll		rrors	Workpapers	On l			Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool	41		41				2	2							
Full Day Kindergarten	405		405				16	16							
One	457		457				18	18							
Two	459		459				18	18							
Three	456		456				18	18							
Four	520		520				20	20							
Five	569		569				22	22							
Six	554		554				21	21							
Seven	530		530				20	20							
Eight	553		553				21	21							
Nine	607		607				23	23							
Ten	599		599				23	23							
Eleven	555		555				21	21							
Twelve	539		539				21	21							
Post-Graduate															
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)															
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)															
Subtotal	6,844	-	6,844	-	-	-	264 -	264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CSSD															
Special Ed - Elementary	521		521				19	19				4	4	4	
Special Ed - Middle School		6	305	6			12	12				3	3	3	
Special Ed - High School	433	0	433	0			17	17				20	17	17	
Subtotal	1,259	6	1,259	6	-		48 -	48				27	24	24	
Cubicial	1,200		1,200												
Co. Voc Regular															
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.				. <u> </u>											
Totals	8,103	6	8,103	6	-	-	312 -	312				27	24	24	
-															
Percentage Error				:	0.00%	0.00%				0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

Percentage Error

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

	Res	ident Low Incon	ne	Sam	ple for Verifica	tion	Reside	nt LEP Low Incon	ne	Sample for Verification			
		Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors	
Half Day Preschool	22.0	22.0		4	4								
Full Day Kindergarten	69.0	69.0		12	12		14	14		7	7		
One	88.0	88.0		13	13		20			10	10		
Two	99.0	99.0		16	16		15			8	8		
Three	92.0	92.0		15	15		21	21		10	10		
Four	91.0	91.0		15	15		7	7		3	3		
Five	113.0	113.0		20	20		9	9		6	6		
Six	113.0	113.0		19	19		4	4		2	2		
Seven	98.0	98.0		17	17		5	5		2	2		
Eight	88.0	88.0		18	18		3	3		1	1		
Nine	102.0	102.0		17	17		5	5		2	2		
Ten	116.0	116.0		19	19		13			6	6		
Eleven	105.0	105.0		19	19		8			4	4		
Twelve	89.0	89.0		16	16		4	4		2	2		
Post-Graduate													
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)													
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal	1,285.0	1,285.0		220	220		128	128		63	63		
Subiotal	1,265.0	1,200.0	-	220	220	-	120	120	-	03	03	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	138.0	138.0		19	19		13	13		6	6		
Special Ed - Middle	109.0	109.0		15	15		4	4		1	1		
Special Ed - High	132.0	132.0		18	18		2	2		1	1		
Subtotal	379.0	379.0	-	52	52	-	19	19	-	8	8	-	
Co. Voc Regular													
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.													
Totals	1,664.0	1,664.0	-	272	272		147	147	<u> </u>	71	71	-	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		-	0.00%			0.00%	
			Trans	sportation									
	Reported on												
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by	_			_							
	DOE/county	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					Penerted	Recalculated	
Reg Public Schools, col. 1	3,418	3,418					Reg Avg (Mileage	e) = Regular Includi	ing Grade PK stu	Idente	Reported 3.7	Recalculated 3.7	
Reg - Sp Ed, col. 4	492	492						e) = Regular Exclud			3.7	3.7	
Transported - AIL, col.2 & Non-Public, col. 3	214	214						cial Ed with Special		uuunis	3.5	3.5	
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	362	362					Specified Avg Oper		110003		0.0	5.5	
Totals	4,486	4,486	<u> </u>	-	-	-							
	.,	.,											

0.00%

0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Incom	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors	
Full Day Kindergarten	29	29		14	14		
One	23	23		11	11		
Two	16	16		8	8		
Three	18	18		9	9		
Four	10	10		5	5		
Five	10	10		5	5		
Six	3	3		1	1		
Seven	6	6		3	3		
Eight	5	5		2	2		
Nine	9	9		4	4		
Ten	8	8		5	5		
Eleven	8	8		4	4		
Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	7	7		3	3		
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)							
Subtotal	152	152	-	74	74	-	
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle	7 1	7 1		3	3		
Special Ed - High	4	4		2	2		
Subtotal	12	12		5	5	-	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	164	164	<u>-</u>	79	79		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%	

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2023

<u>SECTION 1</u> A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$	222,471,740	(B)
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)
	<u>.</u>		· /
Decreased by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension, PRM, LTD and Social Security	\$	35,866,230	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$	-	(B2b)
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B) + (B1s) - (B2s)]	\$	186,605,510	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures	<u>~</u>		
[(B3) times .02]	<u>\$</u>	3,732,111	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$</u>	3,732,111	• •
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$	1,878,495	(K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated - Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)	\$	5,610,606	(M)
SECTION 2			
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at 6-30-23			
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$	21,813,776	(C)
Decreased by:			
Assigned Year End Encumbrances	\$	2,372,208	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's			
Expenditures	\$	-	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent			
Year's Expenditures**	\$	1,035,902	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$	6,715,209	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved- Designated for Subsequent			
Year's Expenditures	\$	3,609,098	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance			
[(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$	8,081,359	(U1)

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$	2,470,753	(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023	<u>,</u>	, , ,	()
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ \$	1,035,902 2,470,753	• •
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$	3,506,655	(D)
<u>Detail of Allowable Adjustments</u> Impact Aid Sales & Lease-back	<u>\$</u> \$	<u>-</u>	(H) (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$	1,818,540	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$	59,955	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$	-	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$	-	(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid received in April 2023 and Maintenance of Equity Aid Received July 2023 Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)]	\$ \$	_ 1,878,495	(J5) (K)

- ** This amount represents the June 30, 2022 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
- *** Amount must agree to the June 30, 2023 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to **** September 30.

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2023

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ -
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$ -
Capital reserve	\$ 5,487,399
Emergency reserve	\$ -
Maintenance reserve	\$ -
Tuition reserve	\$ -
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset-current year	\$ -
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset-prior year	\$ -
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$ -
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$ -
Other State / government madated reserve	\$ -
Unemployment compensation	\$ 1,227,810
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 6,715,209 (C4)

East Brunswick Public Schools

Audit Recommendations Summary

June 30, 2023

Recommendations:

- 1. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u> None
- 2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None

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

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

None identified in prior year and therefore this section is not applicable.