# BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HADDON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF CAMDEN

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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# <u>AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE</u> FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Haddon Heights School District County of Camden, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Haddon Heights School District, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, which were separately issued in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report dated April 8, 2024.

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

This report is issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Haddon Heights School District, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and is intended for the information of the School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott P. Barron

Certified Public Accountant

Public School Accountant No. CS 02459

Voorhees, New Jersey April 8, 2024

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

### **SCOPE OF AUDIT**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator and the 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 exhibit J-20, insurance schedule, contained in the School District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
Michael Sloan	Board Secretary / School Business Administrator	\$ 220,000.00		
Darren Harris	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$ 250,000.00		

The School District has crime coverage with BCIP JIF covering all other employees with the following coverage: \$250,000 per employee.

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

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A.18A:16-13.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year under audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted did include all health benefit plans offered by the 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 actual costs were less than estimated costs. The School District 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**

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

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

#### **Payroll Account**

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

Sampled payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator.

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

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of the payroll.

# **Employee Position Control Roster**

A sample of the Employee Position Control Roster indicated that it was in satisfactory condition and was approved by the county office submission with the 2022-2023 budget review checklist.

#### **Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

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

#### **Travel**

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

#### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

#### **Board Secretary's Records**

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

#### **Treasurer of School Moneys' Records**

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

#### **Pupil Transportation**

Our audit procedures included a sample of on-roll status reported in the 2022-23 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was reported on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

We performed procedures over transportation related contracts and purchases. It appears the School District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts.

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

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

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

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

# Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

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

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a sample basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned other special projects.

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

#### **TPAF Reimbursement**

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

# **TPAF** Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

No expenditure was required to be 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 by the State on-behalf of the School District for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds

#### **SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS**

#### **Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids**

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

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

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

### http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000.00 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$20,200.00 for 2022-23.

The School District's 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.

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### SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

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

Based on the results of our audit, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

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

#### SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and / or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000.00 in federal and / or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

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

Net cash resources did exceed three months average expenditures.

#### Finding No. 2023-001 (ACFR Finding No. 2023-001)

As of June 30, 2023, net cash resources in the School District's Food Service Enterprise Fund exceeded three months average expenditures.

#### Recommendation

That the School District maintain a nonprofit school food service by ensuring that net cash resources do not exceed three months average expenditures.

#### STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

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

#### APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a sample of information reported in the October 14, 2022 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low-income, and bilingual. We also performed an inspection of the School District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the School District workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

The School District has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

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# **FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Continuing Disclosure Agreements**

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

# **Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities**

The School District complied with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

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

# **FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of the one prior year recommendation. The following is repeated in this year's recommendations noted as current year finding 2023-001:

# Finding No. 2022-001 (ACFR Finding No. 2022-001)

As of June 30, 2022, net cash resources in the School District's Food Service Enterprise Fund exceeded three months average expenditures.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP Certified Public Accountants

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Schedule of Net Cash Resources
Net Cash Resources Did Exceed Three Months of Expenditures
Proprietary Funds - Food Service Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service B - 4/5	
ACFR	Current Assets	<b>c</b>	045 076 FO	
B-4	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	345,376.59	
B-4	Due from Other Governments		10,588.03	
B-4	Due from Other Funds		51,718.71	
B-4 B-4	Accounts Receivable Investments		14,202.20	
ACFR	Current Liabilities			
B-4	Less Accounts Payable		(2,317.04)	
B-4	Less Accruals		( <del>-</del> ,,	
B-4	Less Due to Other Funds			
B-4	Less Unearned Revenue		(14,510.53)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$	405,057.96	(A)
B-5 B-5	Total Operating Expenditures Less Depreciation	\$	604,589.92 (9,655.44)	
5-0	Adjusted Total Operating Expense	<b>\$</b>	594,934.48	(B)
Average Monthly Operating	g Expense: B / 10	<u>\$</u>	59,493.45	(C)
Three Times Monthly Avera	<u>age:</u>			
	3 X C	\$	178,480.34	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A	\$ 405,057.96			
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D				
NET	\$ 178,480.34 <b>\$ 226,577.62</b>			
From above:				
A is greater than D seek ove	ceeds 3 X average monthly operating expenses	<b>c</b>		

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 14, 2022

	2022-2023 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification		Pr	ivate Schools	for the Disable	ed
	Reported of A.S.S.A. On Roll		Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified per Registers On Roll	Errors per Registers On Roll	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	<u>Full</u> <u>Sh</u>	ared <u>Full</u> <u>Share</u>	<u>ed Full Shared</u>	<u>Full</u> <u>Shared</u>	<u>Full</u> <u>Shared</u>	Full Shared	<u>Schools</u>	<u>cation</u>	<u>Verified</u>	<u>Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool	5	5		5	5					
Full Day Preschool										
Half Day Kindergarten										
Full Day Kindergarten	67	67		28	28					
One	63	63		33	33					
Two	50	50		24	24					
Three	63	63		30	30					
Four	76	76		42	42					
Five	61	61		29	29					
Six	55	55		29	29					
Seven	63	63		61	61					
Eight	66	66		60	60					
Nine	165	165		167	167					
Ten	197	197		183	183					
Eleven	160	160		147	147					
Twelve	167	167		157	157					
Post-Graduate										
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)										
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)										
,										
Subtotal	1,258	1,258		995	995					
Special Education-Elementary	51	51		14	14		1	1	1	
Special Education-Middle School	31	31		19	19		1	1	1	
Special Education-High School	134	134		129	129		2	1	1	
Subtotal	216	216		162	162		4	3	3	
Co. Voc Regular										
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.										
Subtotal										
Totals	1,474	1,474		1,157	1,157		4	3	3	

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 14, 2022

	Res	sident Low Income		Sam	ple for Verificatio	n		Resident LEP Low Inc	come	Sample for Verification			
lalf Day Preschool	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low <u>Income</u>	Reported on Workpapers as Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from <u>Workpapers</u>	Verified to Application, Test Score and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>	
full Day Preschool													
Half Day Kindergarten													
ull Day Kindergarten	4	4		3	3								
One	2	2		2	2								
-wo	1	1		1	1								
hree	2	2		2	2								
our	4	4		2	2								
ive	4	4		2	2								
Six	1 4	1 4		1	1								
Seven	4	4		3	3								
Eight Nine	26	26		15	15								
en	∠o 41	26 41		15 25	15 25								
leven	32	32		21	21								
welve	26	26		15	15								
ost-Graduate	20	20		10	10								
dult H.S. (15+CR.) dult H.S. (1-14CR.)													
ubtotal	148	148		92	92								
pecial Education-Elementary	4	4		2	2								
pecial Education-Middle School	5	5		3	3								
pecial Education-High School	27	27		17	17_								
ubtotal	36	36		22	22								
o. Voc Regular o. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.													
Subtotal													
otals	184	184		114	114								
ercentage Error				•				=		=			
			Trans	portation									
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by <u>District</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Tested	Verified	Errors					Reported	Re- Calculate	
Reg Public Schools, Col. 1	18	18		14	14		Reg. Avg. (Mile	age) = Regular Includ	ling Grade PK stud	lents (Part A)	5.6	5.6	
eg SpEd, Col. 4	1	1		1	1		Reg. Avg. (Mile	age) = Regular Exclu	ding Grade PK stu	dents (Part B)	5.6	5.6	
ransported - Non-Public, Col. 3	41	41		31	31			eage) = Special Ed. w			2.7	2.	
pecial Needs, Col. 6	21	21		16	16								
otals	81	81		62	62								

# **EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION**

# REGULAR DISTRICT / N/A TO CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

# SECTION 1

# 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on ACFR Exhibit C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ 30,359,617.89 (B)  (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	5,797,901.01 (B2a) (B2b)
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 24,561,716.88 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 491,234.34 (B4) 491,234.34 (B5) 68,105.00 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 559,339.34 (M)
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2023 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Other Restricted Fund Balances **** Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 6,201,741.84 (C)  509,016.78 (C1)  (C2)  700,000.00 (C3)  2,903,551.72 (C4)  529,834.00 (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 1,559,339.34 (U1)
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 1,000,000.00 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ 700,000.00 (C3) 1,000,000.00 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 1,700,000.00 (D)

#### **EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)**

#### REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

#### Footnotes:

- \* Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:
  - (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
  - (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
  - (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
  - (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
  - (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
  - (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.
  - (J5) Supplemental Stabilization Aid received April 2023 & Maintenance of Equity Aid received July 2023

#### Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Federal Impact Aid		(H)
Sale & Lease-back		(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 55,313.00	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	12,792.00	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized		(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid		(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid received April 2023 & Maintenance of Equity Aid received July 2023		(J5)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)]	\$ 68,105.00	(K)

<sup>\*\*</sup> This amount represents the June 30, 2023 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.

#### **Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	
Sale/lease-back reserve	
Capital reserve	\$ 2,306,421.45
Maintenance reserve	476,979.03
Emergency reserve	<u></u> _
Tuition reserve	<u></u> _
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	<u></u>
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	<u></u>
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	<u></u>
Other state/government mandated reserves	· ·
Restricted for Unemployment	120,151.24
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 2,903,551.72 (C <sup>2</sup>

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2023 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> 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 Office of School Finance prior to September 30.

Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

#### Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

That the School District maintain a nonprofit school food service by ensuring that net cash resources do not exceed three months average expenditures.

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

8. Miscellaneous

None

9. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

A review was performed on the prior year recommendation and the following is repeated in this year's recommendations:

That the School District maintain a nonprofit school food service by ensuring that net cash resources do not exceed three months average expenditures.