CITY OF LINWOOD

SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT

ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

JUNE 30, 2023

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education City of Linwood School District County of Atlantic, 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 City of Linwood School District in the County of Atlantic for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2024.

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 for the information of the City of Linwood School District Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these parties.

FORD, SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Michael S. Garcia

Michael S. Garcia Certified Public Accountant Licensed Public School Accountant No. 2080

January 31, 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 district's ACFR.

Official Bonds

Kelly A. Batz
Treasurer
\$200,000

Kevin A. Byrnes
Board Secretary /
Business Administrator

There is a Public Employees Blanket Dishonesty Bond during the period under review with the School Alliance Insurance Fund for \$500,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. No exceptions were noted.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review found no discrepancies with respect to certification and 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 Account also.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

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

Payrolls were delivered to the secretary of the board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents, and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 due date.

Reporting of employee compensation for income tax related purposes did comply with federal (or state) regulations regarding the compensation which is required to be reported.

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. No exceptions were noted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0.00% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

- A. General Classification Findings NONE
- B. Administrative Classification Findings NONE

Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's Records were in satisfactory condition.

Acknowledgement of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and the Treasurer's monthly financial reports were included in the minutes. Bids received were summarized in the minutes.

Budget appropriations were not greater than realized revenues and Board authorized use of surplus.

No budgetary line accounts were over-expended during the fiscal year and at June 30.

Treasurer's Records

The Board Treasurer's Records were in satisfactory condition.

All required reconciliation's were performed and all cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurers Records were in agreement with the Board Secretary's records.

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. 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

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.

No areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs were noted in the study of compliance for E.S.E.A.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on the Schedule A and Schedule B in the ACFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a test basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the 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 Other Special Federal and State Projects revealed no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly 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.

TPAF 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.

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 student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$20,200.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the 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.

Based on the results of my examination, I 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-5.

Before and After School Program

The financial transactions and statistical records of the Before and After School Program were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts and applications were reviewed and found to be adequate.

Student Body Activities and Other Programs

During our review of the student activity fund, no exceptions were noted.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income, and bilingual. 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. 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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our audit procedures of facilities and capital assets found no exceptions.

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 of lead of all drinking 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).

Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. There were no findings in the prior year.

We have also reviewed any findings contained in the audit reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC). Not applicable, as there were no prior year findings.

<u>Acknowledgment</u>

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.

Respectfully submitted,

FORD, SCOTT & Associates, LLC. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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January 31, 2024

LINWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

		2023-2024	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid	for State Scl	hool Aid			8	Sample for Verification	erification,			Priva	ite Schools (Private Schools for Disabled	
	Reported on	ed on	Reported on	uo pa			Reported on	uo p	Verified per	l per	Errors per	per	Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S.A.	5.A.	Workpapers	apers			Selected from	from	Registers	ers	Registers	ters	A.S.S.A. as	for		
	On Roll	llo:	On Roll	llo:	Errors	ors	Workpapers	pers	On Roll	=	On Roll	llo:	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	En E	Shared	Full	Shared	ᆵ	Shared	Full	Shared	Eng.	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3YR					,	1					,					1
Half Day Preschool - 4YR	1.00		1.00													
Full Day Preschool - 3YR	7.00		7.00				2.00		2.00							
Full Day Preschool - 4YR	13.00		13.00		,		4.00		4.00							•
Half Day Kindergarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	00.69		00.69				20.00		20.00							
One	71.00		71.00				20.00		20.00							
Two	83.00		83.00				24.00		24.00							
Three	68.00		00.89			,	20.00		20.00							
Four	80.00		80.00				23.00		23.00							
Five	77.00		77.00		,	1	22.00		22.00		,					
Six	82.00		82.00		,		24.00		24.00							•
Seven	82.00		82.00				24.00		24.00							
Eight	80.00		80.00		,		23.00		23.00							•
Nine					,											•
Ten					,											
Eleven					,											
Twelve					,											
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)					-							-				
Subtotal	713.00		713.00	1		1	206.00		206.00	,	ı		ı		ı	
Sp Ed - Elementary	54.00		00.09		9.00	i	17.00		17.00		1					i
Sp Ed - Middle	37.00		31.00		(00.9)		9.00		9.00							
Sp Ed - High																
Subtotal	91.00		91.00				26.00		26.00				1			
Totals	804.00		804.00				232.00		232.00		1					
Percentage Error					%00.0	0.00%				. "	%00:0	%00.0				0.00%

LINWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

	Resid	Resident Low Income		Samp	Sample for Verification		Resider	Resident LEP Low Income	ē	Sam	Sample for Verification	uo
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low	Reported on Workpapers as Low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Application	Sample	Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Low	Reported on Workpapers LEP Low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Test Score, Register, &	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Application	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3YR												
Half Day Preschool - 4YR												
Full Day Preschool - 3YR												
Full Day Preschool - 4YR												
Hair Day Kindergarten		6			0							
Full Day Kindergarten	3.00	3.00		2.00	2.00							
One	2.00	2.00		4.00	4.00							
Two	10.00	10.00		8.00	8.00		1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
Three	8.00	8.00	,	9.00	00.9		1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
Four	8.00	8.00		00.9	00.9		2.00	2.00		1.00	1.00	
Five	00.9	00.9		2.00	2.00							
Six	8.00	8.00		00:9	90.9		1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
Seven	3.00	3.00	,	2.00	2.00	,	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00	
Eight	11.00	11.00		8.00	8.00		1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
Nine						,			,			
Ten						,						
Eleven			,			,						,
Twelve						,						
Subtotal	62.00	62.00		47.00	47.00		8.00	8.00		7.00	7.00	
Sp Ed - Elementary	7.00	7.00		00.9	00.9	•						
Sp Ed - Middle	11.00	11.00		8.00	8.00		1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
Sp Ed - High												•
Subtotal	18.00	18.00		14.00	14.00		1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
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Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
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			Irans	ransportation								
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DOF/County	District	Frrors	Tested	Verified	Frrors						
Reg Public Schools, col. 1	32	32		24	24							
Reg - Sp Ed, col. 4	11	11		∞	∞							
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	21	21		16	16							
AIL Non-Public Schools	15	15		15	15							
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	6	6		7	7							
Totals	88	88	'	70	70							
rei centage mi or												
											Reported	Recalculated
						Reg Avg. (N	Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK Students (Part A)	Including Grade	PK Student	s (Part A)	3.1	3.1
						Reg Avg. (N	Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK Students (Part B)	Excluding Grade	PK Student	s (Part B)	3.1	3.1
						Spec Avg. =	Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs	pecial Needs			11.2	11.2

LINWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

	Resident I	Resident LEP NOT Low Income	ome	Samp	Sample for Verification	,
	Reported on	Reported on				
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers		Sample	Verified to	
	LEP Not Low	LEP Not Low		Selected from	Test Score	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3YR						•
Half Day Preschool - 4YR			,			•
Full Day Preschool - 3YR			,			•
Full Day Preschool - 4YR						1
Half Day Kindergarten			,			
Full Day Kindergarten			,			•
One						
Two						
Three			,			•
Four			,			•
Five			,			•
Six						•
Seven	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	
Eight			,	•		•
Nine						1
Ten						•
Eleven						•
Twelve						ı
Subtotal	1.00	1.00	ı	1.00	1.00	ı
Sp Ed - Elementary	•	1		•		ı
Sp Ed - Middle	1	1		1		
Sp Ed - High			•			•
Subtotal	•	•	1	•		ı
Totals	1.00	1.00	1	1.00	1.00	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

CITY OF LINWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REGULAR DISTRICT

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

SECTION 1

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$18,098,947.00_ (B)
Increased by:	ф /D4-a\
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ (B1a)
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Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ (B1d)
Decreased By:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 3,583,639.00 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	(B2b)
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ <u>14,515,308.00</u> (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	\$ 290,306.16 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 290,306.16 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ 178,320.00 (K)
	<u> </u>
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>468,626.16</u> (M)
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 06/30/2023	
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$4,668,278.00 (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 456,038.00 (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ - (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for	
Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ 554,007.00 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$ 2,397,125.00 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated	
for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 273,305.00 (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]	\$ <u>987,803.00</u> (U1)
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER - 0 -	\$519,176.84_(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023:	
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ 554,007.00 (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***	\$ 519,176.84 (E)
Total [(C3) + (E)]	\$ \frac{313,170.84}{1,073,183.84} (D)
Total [(OO) + (L)]	φ 1,073,103.04 (D)

CITY OF LINWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized for Impact Aid (when applicable), Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10), and Extraordinary Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid if applicable (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid).

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ -	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ -	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 168,425.00	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 9,895.00	(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)]	\$ 178,320.00	(K)

^{**} This amount represents the June 30, 2023 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:			
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	-	
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$	-	
Capital reserve	\$	1,249,939.00	ı.
Maintenance reserve	\$	1,147,186.00	ı.
Emergency reserve	\$	-	ı.
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 Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$	-	•
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$	-	•
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$	-	•
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above] ****	\$		
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$_	2,397,125.00	(C4)

^{***} Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2023 ACFR and the sum of the two lines must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

^{****} Amount for Other Reserved 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 an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 CITY OF LINWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Recommendations:

	None
2.	Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting
	None
3.	School Purchasing Programs
	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 No prior year findings.
	110 prior year findings.

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures