## SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF

## LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

Auditor's Management Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

# AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE 

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Little Egg Harbor Township School District
County of Ocean, New Jersey
We have audited, in accordance with audit 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 Little Egg Harbor Township School District in the County of Ocean for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 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 management of the Little Egg Harbor Township Board of Education, the New Jersey State Department of Education (cognizant audit agency), other state and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

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

| Name | Position |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 300,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Robert Green | Board Secretary/School Business Administrator | $\$$ | 300,000 |  |  |  |  |  |

The Treasurer was bonded in a surety bond in accordance with provisions of Title 18A:17-32 within minimum limits of State Board promulgated schedule.

## P.L. 2020, c. 44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per NJSA 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.

## Tuition Charges

The Board is not a receiving district for tuition purposes. There is a small amount of tuition revenue for individual students enrolled in the district. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

## Einancial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

## Examination of Claims

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

## Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium.
Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

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.

## Emplovee Position Control Roster

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found no inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

## Reserve for Encumbrances._Liability for 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 discrepancies 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 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, no transaction errors were 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

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary Records were in satisfactory condition.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes.
Acknowledgement of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and the Treasurer's monthly financial reports were included 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.
Purchase orders were charged to the appropriate line accounts in accordance with State prescribed Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (2R2), for New Jersey Public Schools.

## Treasurer's Records

The Board Treasurer's Records were in satisfactory condition. All required reconciliations were performed.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.
The Treasurers Records were in agreement with the Board Secretary

## Pupil Transportation

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

Our procedures also include a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied the 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 of 1965 (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. revealed no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

## 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 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 Other Special Federal and/or State Projects revealed no areas of noncompliance and/or questioned costs.

## LD.E.A. Part B

The study of compliance for IDEA revealed no areas of noncompliance and/or questioned costs.
Grant applications approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by board resolution or recorded in the minutes.

## T.P.A.F. 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.

## IPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the Little Egg Harbor Township 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

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general is available on the NJ Local Agency Procurement Laws webpage: https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature http://www.njleg.state.nj.us website.
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 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 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-5.

## 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.

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 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 Assets (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 review of the student activity funds, the records were found to be in satisfactory condition.

## Community School

During our review of the Community School funds, the records were found to be in satisfactory condition.

## Regional Professional Development Academy

During our review of the Regional Professional Development Academy funds, the records were found to be in satisfactory condition.

## Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low income and bilingual. We also performed a review of the districts procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the 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 district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.
The district has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

## Eacilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreements for consistency and recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and the awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

## Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school 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 school district did submit 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. There was one prior year finding, however, no formal recommendation was deemed necessary.

## Suggestions to Management

The District has accumulated Excess Cash Net Resources in the Food Service Fund due to the influx of additional Federal and State Funding related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture has issued a letter dated October 4, 2023 to all School Districts indicating that these excess funds may be retained by the District and, that the District must develop a plan which projects how excess funds will be expended in support of the program during the upcoming school year. We suggest that the district develop a plan to utilize the excess funds on allowable expenses that support the Federal Child Nutrition Program, such as improving the nutritional quality of food or purchasing equipment for the kitchens and cafeterias as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations, 7 CFR 210.14(a).

## Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and I greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,
Ford. Scot \& Associates. L.L.e. FORD, SCOTT \& ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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January 12, 2024






Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1 - col 2
Reg - Sp Ed, col. 4
Transported - Non-Public, col. 2
Transported - Non-Public, AlL col. 3
Special Ed Special Needs, col. 6
Totals
Percentage Error


Post-Graduate
Adult H ( $15+$ CR.)

Subtotal
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle School Special Ed - High School Subtotal
Co. Voc. - Regular
Co. Voc. - FT Post Sec.

# LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 

## REGULAR DISTRICT

## SECTION 1

## A. 4\% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-23 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 Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion

Decreased By:
On-Behalf TPAF Pension \& Social Security
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]

2\% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]

## SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 06/30/2023
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule 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 - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures

Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]

## SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER - 0 -
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023:
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **
Reserved Excess Surplus ***
Total [(C3) + (E)]

\$
\$ 50.
\$ 6,548,483.12 (C)

(C1) (C2)
$\begin{array}{r}\text { \$ } \\ \$ \quad 2,257,836.60 \\ \hline\end{array}$ (C3) (C4)
$\$ \longdiv { 2 , 6 2 6 , 7 0 1 . 4 0 }$ (C5)
\$ $\qquad$
622,969.11 (U1)
\$

| $\$$ | $807,836.60$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| (C3) |  |
| $\$$ | $116,559.30$ |
| (E) |  |
| $\$$ | $924,395.90$ |
| (D) |  |

## LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP 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
Sale \& Lease-back
Extraordinary Aid
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized
Family Crisis Transportation Aid
Supplemental Stabilization Aid received April 2023 \&
Maintenance of Equity Aid received July 2023
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)]
\$
$\$ \square$
\$
\$
\$
\$
\$ $\qquad$ (J3)
$\qquad$ (J5)
\$ $\qquad$ (K)
** This amount represents the June 30, 2023 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
*** 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.

## Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

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 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

\$ 2,257,883.16
(C4)

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None
2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None
3. School Purchasing Programs

None
4. School Food Service

None
5. Student Body Activities

None
6. Community School

None
7. Application for State School Aid

None
8. Pupil Transportation

None
9. Facilities and Capital Assets

None
10. Miscellaneous

None
11. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations No prior year findings

