

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY**

**AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
- FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023**

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

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Township of Lower School District
Cape May, New Jersey

I have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Lower Township School District, in the County of Cape May for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued my report thereon dated November 30, 2023.

As part of my audit, I 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 Lower Township Board of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

INVERSO & STEWART, LLC
Certified Public Accountants



Robert P. Inverso
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant No. CS001095

Marlton, New Jersey
November 30, 2023

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.

Officials Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Frank Onorato	Interim School Business Administrator	\$ 100,000
Patricia Ryan	Board Secretary/Assistant Business Administrator	100,000
Lauren Read	Treasurer of School Moneys	275,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with Atlantic and Cape May Counties Joint Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

P.L. 2020, c.44

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

The data submitted included 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. No adjustment was necessary by the Board to be in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under audit did not indicate any material noncompliance with respect to signatures, certifications, or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

All payrolls 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.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Moneys with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

The Payroll Account records were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Employee Position Control Roster

No exceptions were noted during my examination of the Employee 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. My review did not indicate any material discrepancies to the classification of orders.

Obligations of Federal Grant Awards and Requests for Reimbursement of Expenditures against those Federal Grant Awards

No exceptions were noted during my examination of obligations of federal grant awards and requests for reimbursement of expenditures against those federal grant awards made during the period under audit.

Travel

No exceptions were noted in my study of compliance for travel expenses.

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 my test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. I also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in my compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, my sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2*. My review did not indicate any material discrepancies with respect to classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary/Business Administrator's Record

The financial and accounting records of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator's office were maintained in good condition.

Treasurer's Records

The financial and accounting records of the Treasurer were maintained in good condition.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

The E.S.E.A./ESSA 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 IIA, and Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended and reauthorized.

No exceptions were noted in my study of compliance for the E.S.E.A./ESSA projects.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

My 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 special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

My 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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure 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 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

Not applicable.

School Purchasing Programs

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 2022-23.

The school 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.

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: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 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, I 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.

I 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.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the ACFR.

Student Body Activities

The financial records for the Student Activity Fund were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Day Care Program

The financial records for the Day Care Program were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Application for State School Aid

My 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. I also performed a review of the District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the District workpapers with no exceptions noted.

The results of my procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Pupil Transportation

My 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 without exception. The results of my procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

My procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on my review, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in my review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Not applicable.

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.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

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

Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Findings

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

Acknowledgment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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November 30, 2023

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**Lower Township School District
Application for State School Aid Summary
Enrollment as of October 15, 2022**

	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on ASSA On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected From Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Full Day PreK - 3 yrs	82		82		-		17		17		-					
Full Day PreK - 4 Yrs	128		128		-		23		23		-					
Full Day K	153		153		-		27		27		-					
One	157		157		-		28		28		-					
Two	160		160		-		30		30		-					
Three	136		136		-		25		25		-					
Four	136		136		-		25		25		-					
Five	140		140		-		26		26		-					
Six	138		138		-		26		26		-					
Subtotal	1,230	-	1,230	-	-	-	227	-	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SpEd Elementary	166		166		-		31		31		-		1	1	1	-
SpEd Middle School	29		29		-		6		6		-					
Subtotal	195	-	195	-	-	-	37	-	37	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Totals	1,425	-	1,425	-	-	-	264	-	264	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	-					0.00%	-				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**Lower Township School District
Application for State School Aid Summary
Enrollment as of October 15, 2022**

	<u>Resident Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>			<u>Resident LEP Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on ASSA as Low Income</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers as Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified per Application and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>	<u>Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified per Test Score and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Full Day K	63	63	-	21	21	-	12	12	-	9	9	-
One	69	69	-	22	22	-	13	13	-	10	10	-
Two	73	73	-	26	26	-	9	9	-	7	7	-
Three	61	61	-	20	20	-	6	6	-	5	5	-
Four	68	68	-	23	23	-	8	8	-	6	6	-
Five	60	60	-	20	20	-	7	7	-	5	5	-
Six	66	66	-	23	23	-	7	7	-	5	5	-
	<u>460</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>-</u>
SpEd Elementary	102	102	-	35	35	-	9	9	-	7	7	-
SpEd Middle School	22	22	-	7	7	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Subtotal	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>584</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>
<u>Transportation</u>												
	<u>Reported on DRTRS by DOE</u>	<u>Reported on DRTRS by District</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Verified</u>	<u>Errors</u>			<u>Reported</u>	<u>Recalculated</u>		
Reg. Public School , col. 1	867	867	-	182	182	-	Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK students		3.9	3.9		
Reg. Special Education, col. 4	190	190	-	45	45	-	Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK students		3.9	3.9		
Transported-Non-Public, col. 3	49	49	-	15	15	-	Avg. Mileage - Special Ed. with Special Needs		7.4	7.4		
Special Needs, Col. 6	42	42	-	12	12	-						
	<u>1,148</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>-</u>						
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>						

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**Lower Township School District
Application for State School Aid Summary
Enrollment as of October 15, 2022**

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day K	3	3	-	2	2	-
One	1	1	-	1	1	-
Two	2	2	-	2	2	-
Three	2	2	-	2	2	-
Four	2	2	-	2	2	-
Five	2	2	-	1	1	-
Six	3	3	-	2	2	-
Subtotal	15	15	-	12	12	-
SpEd Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
SpEd Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	15	15	-	12	12	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

LOWER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 1 - Regular Districts

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex C-1	\$ <u>31,599,603</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
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	\$ <u>433,191</u>	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ _____	(B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ <u>(6,639,928)</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ _____	(B2b)
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)+(B2s)]	\$ <u>25,392,866</u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ <u>507,857</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ <u>507,857</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ <u>840,167</u>	(K)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		\$ <u><u>1,348,024</u></u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-23 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ <u>8,343,706</u>	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ <u>172,656</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____	(C2)
Legally Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ <u>1,862,668</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ <u>1,416,924</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ <u>1,814,429</u>	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$ <u><u>3,077,029</u></u> (U1)

LOWER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 3 - All Districts

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0- \$ 1,729,005 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ <u>1,862,668</u> (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ <u>1,729,005</u> (E)
Total [(C3) + (E)]	\$ <u>3,591,673</u> (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ _____	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ _____	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ <u>165,129</u>	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ <u>16,536</u>	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue	\$ _____	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ _____	(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid	\$ <u>658,502</u>	(J5)
Maintenance of Equity Aid	\$ _____	(J5)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)]	\$ <u>840,167</u>	(K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:		
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ _____	
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$ _____	
Capital reserve	\$ <u>293,191</u>	
Maintenance reserve	\$ <u>716,256</u>	
Emergency reserve	\$ <u>150,000</u>	
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 reserves	\$ _____	
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$ <u>257,477</u>	
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above	\$ _____	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ <u>1,416,924</u>	(C4)

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

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

There were no prior year audit findings/recommendations.