

DEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Deal School District
County of Monmouth, New Jersey

We 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 Deal School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2025.

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 Deal Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Licensed Public School Accountant

No. 2183

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November 11, 2025
Neptune, New Jersey

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, the activities of the Board of Education, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

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)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Donato J. Saponaro, Jr.	Superintendent	\$100,000.00
Theresa Davis	Treasurer	\$175,000.00
Pia Lordi	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$118,000.00

Adequacy of insurance coverage is the responsibility of the District.

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 did include all health benefit plans offered by school district.

The school district data certification was completed by the school business administrator. The school district Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

Financial 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 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 were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business 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 monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

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 and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

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 errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification and administrative classification.

A. General Classification Findings

None

B. Administrative Classification Findings

None

Board Secretary's Records

The records of the Board Secretary were properly maintained during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and were in agreement with the records of the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Records

The records of the Treasurer were properly maintained during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

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 Title 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 areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

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.

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 indicated no areas of noncompliance.

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.

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 \$44,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000.00 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. Pia Lordi has been appointed as the qualified purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(b) and therefore the bid threshold has been increased to \$44,000.00 per statute. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$22,400.00 for 2024-2025.

The board of education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditure 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.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," 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

There were no revenues or expenses for the food service program for the year because the District has entered into a shared service agreement with the Ocean Township Board of Education.

Student Body Activities

During our review of the student body activity fund no items were noted.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2024 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on roll, private school for the handicapped, and low-income. 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 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.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2024/2025 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 included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and service.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The fixed asset records were updated for any additions and disposals of assets made during the year.

Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all 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 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

There were no prior findings.

Acknowledgment

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

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**DEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024**

	2025-2026 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification				Errors per Registers On Roll				Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll			Reported on Workpapers On Roll			Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Full		Shared		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools		Sample for Verification	
	Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared	Full	Shared							Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool																		
Full Day Preschool																		
Full Day Kindergarten																		
One	18			18			18		18									
Two	16			16			16		16									
Three	14			14			14		14									
Four	13			13			13		13									
Five	14			14			14		14									
Six	17			17			17		17									
Seven	11			11			11		11									
Eight	14			14			14		14									
Nine	12			12			12		12									
Ten																		
Eleven																		
Twelve																		
Post-Graduate																		
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																		
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																		
Subtotal	129			129	0	0	129		129			0		0				
Special Ed - Elementary	16			16			16		16						1		1	
Special Ed - Middle School	16			16			16		16						1		1	
Special Ed - High School																		
Subtotal	32			32	0	0	32		32			0		0	1		1	0
Co. Voc. - Regular																		
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																		
Totals	161			161	0	0	161		161			0		0	1		1	0
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%						0.00%		0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
DEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LIEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	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 LIEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LIEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool	3	3		3	3							
Full Day Preschool	2	2		2	2							
Half Day Kindergarten	2	2		2	2							
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3		3	3							
One	3	3		3	3							
Two	4	4		4	4							
Three	6	6		6	6							
Four	4	4		4	4							
Five	3	3		3	3							
Six	4	4		4	4							
Seven	4	4		4	4							
Eight	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	
Nine	2	2		2	2							
Ten	1	1		1	1							
Eleven												
Twelve												
Post-Graduate												
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)												
Subtotal	35	35	0	35	35	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Special Ed - Elementary	10	10		10	10							
Special Ed - Middle	5	5		5	5							
Special Ed - High	2	2		2	2							
Subtotal	17	17	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co. Voc - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	52	52	0	52	52	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation			Sample for Verification			Resident LIEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on DRTS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LIEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LIEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Reg - Public Schools, col. 1	6	6		6	6							
Reg - SpEd, col. 4	2	2		2	2							
Non-Public AII, col. 3	6	6		6	6							
Transported - Non-Public, col. 2	39	39		39	39							
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	1	1		1	1							
Totals	54	54	0	54	54	0						
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%						

Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A) 3.8
 Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part A) 3.8
 Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs 4.4

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS DEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

	<u>Resident LIEP NOT Low Income</u>		<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on</u>	<u>Reported on</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Verified to</u>	<u>Sample</u>
	<u>A.S.A. as</u>	<u>Workpapers as</u>	<u>Selected from</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Errors</u>
	<u>NOT Low</u>	<u>NOT Low</u>	<u>Workpapers</u>	<u>and Register</u>	<u>Errors</u>
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>			
Half Day Preschool					
Full Day Preschool					
Half Day Kindergarten					
Full Day Kindergarten					
One					
Two					
Three					
Four					
Five					
Six					
Seven					
Eight					
Nine					
Ten					
Eleven					
Twelve					
Post-Graduate					
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)					
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)					
Subtotal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed - Elementary					
Special Ed - Middle					
Special Ed - High					
Subtotal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular					
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.					
Totals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2024-2025 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$ <u>6,153,022.83</u> (B)
Increased by Applicable Operating Transfers:	
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 Pre K - Regular	\$ _____(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for Pre K - Inclusion	\$ _____(B1d)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ <u>1,055,167.07</u> (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Assets	\$ _____(B2b)
Adjusted 2024-2025 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ <u>5,097,855.76</u> (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2024-2025 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ <u>101,957.12</u> (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ <u>250,000.00</u> (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ <u>32,942.00</u> (K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated - Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>282,942.00</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-25 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ <u>1,346,355.10</u> (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances	\$ _____(C1)
Legally Restricted-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____(C2)
Legally Restricted-Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ <u>399,620.45</u> (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ <u>340,929.88</u> (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ <u>60,743.55</u> (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ <u>545,061.22</u> (U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0- \$ 262,119.22(E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2025

Restricted Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's
Expenditures \$ 399,620.45(C3)
Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)] \$ 262,119.22(E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)] \$ 661,739.67(D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid \$ _____(H)
Sales & Lease-back \$ _____(I)
Extraordinary Aid \$ 19,324.00(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 13,618.00(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized \$ _____(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid \$ _____(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid & Maintenance of Equity Aid \$ _____(J5)

Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)] \$ 32,942.00(K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:
Approved unspent separate proposal \$ _____
Sale/lease-back reserve \$ _____
Capital reserve \$ 50,000.00
Maintenance reserve \$ 212,000.00
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 \$ 78,929.88
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above \$ _____

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 340,929.88(C4)

DEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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. Follow-up on Prior Year Findings
Not Applicable