

**ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF ESSEX
NEW JERSEY**

**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE
AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Essex County Vocational Schools
County of Essex, New Jersey 07044

We have audited, in accordance with accounting principles 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 Essex County Vocational Schools in the County of Essex, for the year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 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 Essex County Vocational Schools 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.

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ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

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 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>
Bernetta Davis	Business Administrator	\$320,000
Lori Tanner	Board Secretary	320,000
Kimberley Browne-Smeraldo	Treasurer of School Moneys	320,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees.

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 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 Board did make an adjustment to the billings to sending districts for per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

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.

In verifying expenditures, computations were tested on claims approved and paid. No attempt was made in this connection to establish proof of rendition, character or extent of services, nor quantities, nature, propriety of prices or receipt of materials, these elements being left necessarily to internal review in connection with approval of claims.

Payroll Fund and Position Control Roster

Net salaries of all employees were deposited in the Payroll Bank Account.

All payroll deductions with Withholding Tax, Social Security, Employees' Pension Funds, Hospitalization Premiums and other items as well as the Board's Payroll Contributions, were deposited to the Payroll Agency Bank Account.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent of Schools and certified by the President and the Secretary of the Board of Education.

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

The propriety of deductions from individual salaries for Pensions, Social Security, Withholding Tax and other purposes were not verified as part of this examination.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30th for proper classification of orders, a reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. Careful consideration should be given to proper classification of both encumbrances and liabilities on an ongoing basis.

We reviewed the accounts payable as of June 30, 2025, for invoices which have not been liquidated by September 30th following the fiscal year end.

We reviewed the encumbrances as of June 30, 2025, for invoices which have not been liquidated by September 30th following the fiscal year end.

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 classification 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% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records and books of accounts are maintained by the Board Secretary. The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Finding 2025-01:

Condition:

The capital assets report was provided, however the additions did not agree to the amounts charged in the various budgets under capital outlay and Fund 30 expenditures.

Recommendation:

That the additions recorded in the capital asset report agree with the expenditures charged to the various budgets and Fund 30 expenditures.

Finding 2025-02:

Condition:

- The final two state aid payments for June 2025 were not recorded as receivables in the general ledger.
- There were several errors noted during our review of the TPAF Social Security reimbursement:
 - The reimbursement request for one pay period did not agree with the payroll records. The reimbursement request was from the previous pay period, however the amount recorded in the general ledger was for the correct amount.
 - The final June 2025 amount recorded in the general ledger was incorrect. The amount recorded in the general ledger was the amount that should have been charged to the budget as an expense, however the amount requested to the state for reimbursement was the correct amount. The result was the amount charged to the budget for social security was understated. Our correction was an additional amount charged to the District's budget.
- We noted a variance between the detail accounts receivable-tuition report and the amount reflected in the general ledger. This variance should be investigated and the appropriate adjustment made to ensure the detail report agrees with the amount found in the general ledger.
- We noted several instances when cash receipts were not recorded correctly in the general ledger. These errors involved state and federal receipts being misclassified. This resulted in the general ledger reflecting incorrect balances for Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable balances.
- An adjustment made by the state reduced the available funding for a FY 2024 program. This reduction effected the period year receivable recorded in the general ledger in Fund 20. The appropriate correction was not recorded in the general ledger. As part of our adjustment, we charged the Fund 11 budget.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Board Secretary's Records (Continued)

Finding 2025-02: (Continued)

Recommendation:

That the District review and reconcile the Tuition Receivable detail report to the general ledger on a regular basis. Additionally, District review amounts recorded in the general ledger to ensure accuracy. Finally, the District review the financial reports regularly to ensure all entries are properly recorded.

District funds were provided and expended in the proper GAAP account codes based upon audit testing of transactions.

Finding 2025-03:

Condition:

The detail original budget recorded in the District's financial reporting software for Fund 20 does not agree with the budget submitted and approved by the State Department of Education.

Recommendation:

That the district ensures that the detail of the original budget agrees with the budget approved by the State Department of Education.

Revenue and receipts were established and verified as to source and amount only insofar as the local records permitted.

The School District's double entry system of accounting records was maintained in accordance with the Department of Education's prescribed GAAP Technical System Manual, pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:4-14 and N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.

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 Title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

Other Special Federal and State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A (K-3) and Schedule B (K-4) reflected 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 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 special projects.

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. See Finding 2025-02 for details on the exceptions noted.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The reimbursement to the State for 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 subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period, but prior to the 90 days required by N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. Accordingly, the expenditure was made in accordance with State law (90 days) and properly reported as obligated and not expended and as an unliquidated balance in the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 is \$44,000.00 with a Qualified Purchasing Agent. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$22,400.00.

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

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

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal however, that purchases were made through the use of state contracts.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Service Fund were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit. The District utilizes a food service management company (Maschio's Food Services) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34 and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the Maschio's Food Services contract were reviewed and audited.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

School Food Service (Continued)

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the nonprofit status of the School Food Service.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Service employees authorized by the Board of Education.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal is uniformly administered throughout the School System. Sites approved to participate in provisions complied with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

The School District did provide the detail revenue and expenditure information necessary in order to execute the U.S.D.A. Mandated Non-Program Food Revenue Tool at least annually.

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.

Food Distribution Program Commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

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

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2024 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 District procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the District work papers with exceptions. The information that was included on the work papers was verified with exceptions. 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's written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Finding 2025-04:

Condition:

We noted several differences between the amounts presented on the October 15, 2024 ASSA count and the information presented in the District's workpapers. Please see the accompanying Application for State School Aid Summary (ASSA).

Recommendation:

That greater care should be exercised when preparing the workpapers used to develop the ASSA Report.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Accounting for capital assets is required in order to maintain physical accountability over the assets owned by a school. The accounting system should provide a record of the fixed assets obtained over the years that are still in service and identify the funding source for the purchase of those assets. This provides the ability to prevent, detect and recognize losses of capital assets. The New Jersey Department of Education notified school districts that, effective July 1, 2001, there is a \$2,000.00 capitalization threshold for capital assets. This is a policy set for financial reporting and accounting purposes. Schools may use a lower threshold for asset management and insurance purposes.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The School District adheres 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 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. Corrective action has been taken with the exception of those recommendations marked with an asterisk.

Acknowledgment

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

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December 15, 2025

ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM - FEDERAL
ENTERPRISE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEALS CLAIMED</u>	<u>MEALS TESTED</u>	<u>MEALS VERIFIED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>(OVER)/ UNDER- CLAIM</u>
National School Lunch (High Rate)	Paid	61,919	61,919	61,919		\$0.44	\$
National School Lunch (High Rate)	Reduced	29,312	29,312	29,312		4.05	
National School Lunch (High Rate)	Free	194,995	194,995	194,995		4.45	
	Total	<u>286,226</u>	<u>286,226</u>	<u>286,226</u>			<u>-</u>
National School Lunch	HHFKA	<u>268,831</u>	<u>268,831</u>	<u>268,831</u>		0.09	<u>-</u>
School Breakfast (Severe Need Rate)	Paid	36,845	36,845	36,845		0.39	
	Reduced	14,724	14,724	14,724		2.54	
	Free	97,914	97,914	97,914		2.84	
	Total	<u>149,483</u>	<u>149,483</u>	<u>149,483</u>			<u>-</u>
Total							<u>\$ -</u>

ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM - STATE
ENTERPRISE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEALS CLAIMED</u>	<u>MEALS TESTED</u>	<u>MEALS VERIFIED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>(OVER)/ UNDER- CLAIM</u>
State Reimbursement - National School Lunch (High Rate)	Paid	61,919	61,919	61,919		\$0.060	\$ -
State Reimbursement - National School Lunch (High Rate)	Reduced	29,312	29,312	29,312		0.070	-
State Reimbursement - National School Lunch (High Rate)	Free	194,995	194,995	194,995		0.70	-
	Total	<u>286,226</u>	<u>286,226</u>	<u>286,226</u>			<u>-</u>
Total							<u>\$ -</u>

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS****APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY****ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024**

	2024-2025 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on		Reported on		Errors		Sample		Verified per		Errors per		Reported on	Sample			
	A.S.S.A.		Workpapers				Selected from		Registers		Registers		A.S.S.A. as	for			
	On-Roll		On-Roll				Workpapers	On-Roll	On-Roll		On-Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample		
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors	
Half Day Preschool					0	0					0	0					
Full Day Preschool					0	0					0	0					
Half Day Kindergarten					0	0					0	0					
Full Day Kindergarten					0	0					0	0					
One					0	0					0	0					
Two					0	0					0	0					
Three					0	0					0	0					
Four					0	0					0	0					
Five					0	0					0	0					
Six					0	0					0	0					
Seven					0	0					0	0					
Eight					0	0					0	0					
Nine					0	0					0	0					
Ten					0	0					0	0					
Eleven					0	0					0	0					
Twelve					0	0					0	0					
Post-Graduate					0	0					0	0					
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)					0	0					0	0					
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)					0	0					0	0					
Subtotal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Special Ed - Elementary																	
Special Ed - Middle School																	
Special Ed - High School	<u>235</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Sub-Total	<u>235</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Co. Voc. - Regular	1,807	23	1,807	23	0	0	243	3	243	3	0	0					
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					
Totals	<u>2,042</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					
							(a)	(a)						(b)			
Percentage Error					-0.10%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%	

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP 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 LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool			0			0			0			0
Full Day Preschool			0			0			0			0
Half Day Kindergarten			0			0			0			0
Full Day Kindergarten			0			0			0			0
One			0			0			0			0
Two			0			0			0			0
Three			0			0			0			0
Four			0			0			0			0
Five			0			0			0			0
Six			0			0			0			0
Seven			0			0			0			0
Eight			0			0			0			0
Nine			0			0			0			0
Ten			0			0			0			0
Eleven			0			0			0			0
Twelve			0			0			0			0
Post-Graduate			0			0			0			0
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)			0			0			0			0
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)			0			0			0			0
Sub-Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed - Elementary												
Special Ed - Middle												
Special Ed - High	<u>160</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Sub-Total	<u>160</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular	<u>1,198</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>0</u>				<u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	<u>1,358</u>	<u>1,139</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>16.13%</u>	(c)		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>4.86%</u>	(d)		<u>0.00%</u>

	Transportation						If Applicable
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1			0			0	
Reg. - Special Ed, col. 4			0			0	
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3			0			0	
Special Ed Spec, col. 6			0			0	
Totals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Percentage Error				(e)		<u>0.00%</u>	

Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK Students (Part A)
Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK Students (Part B)
Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024**

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool			0			0
Full Day Preschool			0			0
Half Day Kindergarten			0			0
Full Day Kindergarten			0			0
One			0			0
Two			0			0
Three			0			0
Four			0			0
Five			0			0
Six			0			0
Seven			0			0
Eight			0			0
Nine			0			0
Ten			0			0
Eleven			0			0
Twelve			0			0
Post-Graduate			0			0
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)			0			0
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)			0			0
Sub-Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed - Elementary						
Special Ed - Middle						
Special Ed - High	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Sub-Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular	15	15	0	13	12	1
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						1
Totals	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>
				(f)		
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>7.14%</u>

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
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Military Connected Students			
Reported on A.S.S.A. as Military Connected Students	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
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NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Net Cash Resources did not Exceed Three Months of Expenditures Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2025

<u>Net Cash Resources</u>		Food Service B - 4/5	
ACFR	*	Current Assets	
B-4		Cash and Cash Equiv.	\$ 551,430.00
B-4		Due from Other Gov'ts	94,998.18
B-4		Accounts Receivable	
B-4		Investments	
ACFR		Current Liabilities	
B-4		Less Accounts Payable	
B-4		Less Accruals	
B-4		Less Due to Other Funds	(863,032.29)
B-4		Less Deferred Revenue	
		Net Cash Resources	<u>\$ (216,604.11)</u> (A)

Net Adj. Total Operating Expense

B-5	Total Operating Exp.	\$ 2,015,439.37	
B-5	Less Depreciation		
		<u>Adj. Total Oper. Exp.</u>	<u>\$ 2,015,439.37</u> (B)

Average Monthly Operating Expense

B / 10	<u>\$ 201,543.94</u>	(C)
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Three Times Monthly Average

3 X C	<u>\$ 133,004.35</u>	(D)
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TOTAL IN BOX A	\$ (216,604.11)
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$ 133,004.35
NET	<u>\$ (349,608.46)</u>

From above:

A is greater than D, cash exceeds 3 X average monthly operating expenses.
D is greater than A, cash does not exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

*Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

SOURCE - USDA Resource Management Comprehensive Review Form

**ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF ESSEX
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
VOCATIONAL DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 6% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2024-25 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$ <u>61,350,151.72</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____	(B1b)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$ <u>10,394,876.92</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ _____	(B2b)
Adjusted 2024-25 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ <u>50,955,274.80</u>	(B3)
6% of Adjusted 2024-25 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06]	\$ <u>3,057,316.49</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ <u>3,057,316.49</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ _____	(K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>3,057,316.49</u>	(M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-2025 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule-C1)	\$ <u>29,579,196.49</u>	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ <u>128,427.07</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ <u>14,516,451.73</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$ <u>29,713.00</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ <u>14,904,604.69</u>	(U1)

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SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus***[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0- \$ 11,847,288.20 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2025

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** \$ 14,516,451.73 (C3)

Reserved Excess Surplus***[(E)] \$ 11,847,288.20 (E)

Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)] \$ 26,363,739.93 (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

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

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	\$ _____
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve	\$ _____
Other State/Government Mandated Reserve	\$ _____
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$ <u>29,713.00</u>
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above	\$ _____
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ <u>29,713.00</u> (C4)

ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

That the additions recorded in the capital asset report agree with the expenditures charged to the various budgets and Fund 30 expenditures.

That the District review and reconcile the Tuition Receivable detail report to the general ledger on a regular basis. Additionally, District review amounts recorded in the general ledger to ensure accuracy. Finally, the District review the financial reports regularly to ensure all entries are properly recorded.

That the district ensures that the detail of the original budget agrees with the budget approved by the State Department of Education

3. School Purchasing Program

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

That greater care should be exercised when preparing the workpapers used to develop the ASSA Report.

7. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

8. Pupil Transportation

None

9. Follow-Up on Prior Years' Findings

None