

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS MANAGEMENT
REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS**

**FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND
PERFORMANCE**

**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL
CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY**

JUNE 30, 2017

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COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable President and
Members of Board of Trustees
Jersey City Global Charter School
County of Hudson, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the Jersey City Global Charter School (the "Charter School") in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey for the year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2017

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the State of 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 Charter School Board of Trustees' 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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October 10, 2017
Cream Ridge, New Jersey

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COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED**

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 Trustees of Jersey City Global Charter School (the "Charter School"), and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

Insurance

Fire insurance coverages are carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the Charter School's CAFR.

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bima Baje	School Business Administrator	\$200,000

Tuition Charges

A review of the financial statements indicated that the Charter School charged no tuition for any student attending the Charter School.

Financial Planning, Accounting, and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review we noted that claims were approved by designated individuals, certified and supporting documents were maintained.

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 designee of the Charter School 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 secretary of the board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED**

Financial Planning, Accounting, and Reporting - continued

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2017, for proper classification of purchase orders as Reserved for Encumbrances or Accounts Payable. No exception was noted in this area.

Travel Policy

A travel policy was adopted by the Board as required by *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A A-6.13* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12*.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g)* and line item details as described in the Budget Summary Key as part of our test of transactions of judgmentally selected expenditure items.

We also reviewed coding of all expenditures included in our Compliance and Single Audit testing procedures. In addition to the selected expenditures items, we specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.2*. As a result of the procedures performed, a minimal transaction error rate of 1.90% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classifications.

Finding No. 2017-001

During our audit, we noted that total instructional expenditures of 56% of the total Charter School expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017 is less than required 60% ratio.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Charter School increased its instructional expenditures to achieve the required ratio of instructional expenditures ratio at 60% of total expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

We reviewed the Board Secretary's financial and accounting records maintained by the Business Office and noted that monthly reports are provided to the Board for review and approval.

Treasurer's Records

Monthly reports and reconciliation of accounts were prepared and were presented to the Board.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
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Financial Planning, Accounting, and Reporting - Continued

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/ Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The ESEA/NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The Charter School's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A and B in the CAFR. 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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

Teachers' Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the bi-monthly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for Charter School employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions noted.

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 Charter School to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the Charter School 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 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (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 \$18,800 for 2016-17.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
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School Purchasing Programs - Continued

The district board of education/charter school board of trustees 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 our examination, we 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 Charter School food service is administered by the Jersey City Public Schools (School District). The financial transactions, lunch applications for free and reduced meals, and statistical records related to the school food service are maintained by the School District.

Enrollment Count and Submission to the Department

Our audit procedures included tests of information reported on October 15th and the last day of the school year for enrolled, special education, bilingual and low-income students. We also performed a review of the Charter School's procedures related to its completion. We noted the exceptions noted below.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The Charter School has inventory records of assets. No exception was noted in this area.

Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The Charter School 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.

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Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action plan had been taken on all prior year findings with the exception of the findings identified with an asterisk (*).

Acknowledgment

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

Respectfully submitted,



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October 10, 2017
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**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2016**

Submission to															
Grades	CHE reported On Roll	Reported on workpapers	Verified signed registration forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed/ Bilingual	Verified documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified documentation	Errors	
K	80	80	80	-	185	-	-	-	-	185	-	28	28	-	
1	73	73	73	-	185	-	2	2	-	185	-	31	31	-	
2	57	57	57	-	185	-	8	8	-	185	-	31	31	-	
3	62	62	62	-	185	-	7	7	-	185	-	33	33	-	
4	58	58	58	-	185	-	5	5	-	185	-	30	30	-	
5	40	40	40	-	185	-	2	2	-	185	-	22	22	-	
Total	370	370	370	-	-	-	24	24	-	1,110	-	175	175	-	
Percentage				0.0%		0.0%			0.0%		0.0%			0.0%	

**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF JUNE 30, 2017**

Submission to 															
Grades	CHE reported On Roll	Reported on workpapers	Verified signed registration forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed/ Bilingual	Verified documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified documentation	Errors	
K	76	76	76	-	185	-	-	-	-	185	-	25	25	-	
1	75	75	75	-	185	-	2	2	-	185	-	30	30	-	
2	54	54	54	-	185	-	5	5	-	185	-	29	29	-	
3	59	59	59	-	185	-	6	6	-	185	-	31	31	-	
4	57	57	57	-	185	-	4	4	-	185	-	30	30	-	
5	40	40	40	-	185	-	2	2	-	185	-	22	22	-	
Total	361	361	361	-	-	-	19	19	-	1,110	-	167	167	-	
Percentage				0.0%		0.0%			0.0%		0.0%			0.0%	

**JERSEY CITY GLOBAL CHARTER SCHOOL
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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

June 30, 2017

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2016-17 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 3,424,302 (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	\$ _____ - (B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ _____ - (B1d)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 152,100 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ _____ - (B2b)
Adjusted 2016-17 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	<u>\$ 3,272,202 (B3)</u>
2% of Adjusted 2016-17 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 65,444 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 250,000 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ _____ - (K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	<u>\$ 250,000 (M)</u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2017 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 329,835 (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 **	\$ _____ - (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$ _____ - (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance – Unreserved- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ _____ - (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	<u>\$ 329,835 (U1)</u>
Excess Surplus at June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 79,835</u>

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus*** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ _____ - (E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017

Reserved Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ _____ - (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]	\$ _____ - (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]	<u>\$ _____ - (D)</u>

Charter schools are not subject to the excess surplus limitations. Charter schools auditors are required to document the calculation of excess surplus pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7 solely for the purpose of adherence to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.4(e), which provides that a district board of education may petition the Commissioner to pay a lower per-pupil rate if the charter schools spends "significantly less than budgeted and has accumulated a sizeable surplus."

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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

The Charter School needs to minimize its support and administrative expenses to increase its instructional expense ratio to total expenditures of 56% to the required 60%.

III. School Purchasing Programs

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Charter School Enrollment System/Charter School Aid

There are none.

VI. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

VII. Miscellaneous

There are none.