BOARD OF EDUCATION READINGTON TOWNSHIP AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Readington Township County of Hunterdon, 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 Education of the Readington Township School District in the County of Hunterdon for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2015.

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 Readington Township 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.

Sincerely,

William M. Colantano, Jr. Public School Accountant

No. CS 0128

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, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

NJSA 18A:18A-3 States:

- A. "Any purchase, contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of materials or supplies, the cost or price of which, together with any other sums expended or foreseeably to be expended for the performance of any work or services in connection with the same project or the furnishing of similar materials or supplies during the same fiscal year paid with or out of school funds, does not exceed the total sum of \$7,500 or the amount determined pursuant to subsection B. of this section, in the fiscal year or, in the case of purchases that are not annually recurring, in a period of one year may be made, negotiated and awarded by a contracting agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore."
- B. "Commencing January 1, 1983 and every two years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection A. of this section in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia area as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall notify all Local school districts of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1, of the year in which it is reported."

NJSA 18A:18A:-4 States:

"Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of school funds, not included within the terms of NJSA 18A:18A-3, shall be made and awarded only by the board of education after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in, or calculated by the Governor pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3 except by contract or agreement."

Effective April 17, 2000, NJSA 18A:18A (Public School Contracts Law) was revised by PL 1999 Ch 440. The associated rules were drafted by the Department of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey, with consultation from the Commissioner of Education of New Jersey.

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter, the bid thresholds in accordance with NJSA 18A:18A-3 (as amended) and 18A:39-3 are \$29,000 and \$18,800 respectively.

In accordance with 18A:18A-3a and NJAC 5:34-5 et seq. the Board of Education has appointed a "Qualified Purchasing Agent" which allows the Board of Education to increase the bid threshold and to grant the authorization to negotiate contracts below the bid threshold.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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.

Our examination of the minutes indicated that contracts were awarded for the following:

Security Upgrades Contracted Services
Construction Services Food Service Management
Sustainable Energy Program
Regional Cooperative Purchasing Services

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. Expenditures 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 threshold where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of NJSA 18A:18A-4.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per NJSA 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 Chapter 114, PL 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that the following purchases were made through the use of state contracts:

Computers Computer Supplies Computer Networking Services
Photocopier Lease & Maintenance

Purchases were also made through cooperative agreements for the following:

Gasoline
Paper Supplies
Teaching Supplies
Transportation
Custodial Supplies
Documents Archiving
Boiler Repair Services

Natural Gas
School Buses
Office Supplies
Electric Generation
Energy Consultant
Vehicle Repairs
Internet Hosting Service

Information Technology Equipment & Supplies

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Insurance

Fire and other insurance coverage evidenced by policies was carried in the amounts as reflected in the Insurance Schedule included in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Adequacy of insurance coverage is the responsibility of the Board of Education.

Official Bonds (NJSA 18A:17-26 18A:17-32)

Surety bond coverage in force during the period was:

Name of Employee	Position		Amount
Steffi Decasas	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	¢	250,000
Employees Blanket Bond	Administrator	Ψ	500,000

The Treasurer of School Monies position has been eliminated.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review indicated nominal discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Special Federal and/or State Projects

Special Federal and State Projects of the District are reflected on schedules K-3 and K-4 included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Our examination of the Special Projects, 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 contained within the CAFR represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

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.

Payrolls were approved by the Chief School Administrator 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.

Finding: The District's net payroll bank reconciliation contained inaccuracies that required adjustments to correct.

Suggestion: The District should take measures to ensure the accuracy of the net payroll bank reconciliation.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (Cont'd)

Reserve for Encumbrances, Liability (Current) for 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 NJAC 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 NJAC 6A:23A-8.2. As a result of the procedures performed, a nominal transaction error rate was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification. It should be noted that a large portion of the classification errors were for custodial services which were considered to be minor misclassifications. Reallocations were performed during the audit and the CAFR exhibits are properly stated.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer of School Monies position has been eliminated.

Board Secretary's Accounting Records

The records of the Board Secretary were maintained in good order.

TPAF (Social Security) Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the online reimbursement requests filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

Food Service Fund

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were reviewed. 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 (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with NJSA 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will generate a profit of \$35,000. The operating results provision has been met.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE (Cont'd)

Food Service Fund (cont'd)

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

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 non-profit status of the school food service.

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 and 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 and/or to the list of directly certified students on file, times the number of operating days, on a school-by-school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school system. Sites approved to participate in Provisions I and II were examined for compliance with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

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

Schedule of Meal Count Activity

Program National Sch Lunch	Meal <u>Category</u> Paid Reduced Free	Meals Claimed 95,675 2,865 13,659	Meals Verified 95,675 2,865 13,659	Differ- ence -0- -0- -0-	Rate \$.32 2.635 3.035	(Over)/ Under <u>Claim</u> \$ -0- -0-
HHFKA Aid		112,199	112,199	-0-	.06	-0-

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a test of the information reported in the October 15, 2014 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) Data Listing for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, and transportation. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the data listing was compared to the district work papers with nominal exceptions. The information that was included on the work papers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Finding: The District had minor errors in their ASSA report relating to Limited English Proficient students.

Suggestion: Continuing effort should be made to ensure the accuracy of the information reported in the District's ASSA report.

The district maintained work papers 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 2014-2015 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility summary report with nominal exceptions. 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. Nominal exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

There were no findings of noncompliance as a result of this audit pertaining to federal or state financial assistance.

TPAF REIMBURSEMENT TO THE STATE FOR FEDERAL SALARY EXPENDITURES.

No reimbursement is due to the State to reimburse for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the District. The District had no employees with applicable salaries identified as being paid from federal funds.

READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Net Cash Resources Did Not Exceed Three Months of Expenditures Proprietary Funds-Food Service For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service n. B-4;B-5_	
CAFR * B-4 B-4	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equiv Interfunds Receivable Accounts Receivable	\$	94,031 35,931	
CAFR B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds Less Unearned Revenue	***************************************	(28,756) - - (23,032)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$	78,174	(A)
Net Adj Total Operating	Expense:			
B-5 B-5	Total. Operating Exp Less Depreciation	\$	567,851 (5,011)	
	Adj Total Oper Exp	\$	562,840	(B)
Average Monthly Opera	ating Expense:			
	B / 10	\$	56,284	(C)
Three Times Monthly A	verage:			
	3 X C	\$	168,852	(D)

TOTAL in BOX A	\$ 78,174.00
LESS TOTAL in BOX D	\$ (168,852.00)
NET	\$ (90,678.00)

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.

READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	2015-2016 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled																													
		rted on	Repo	ted on				mple		ied per	Error	s per	Reported on ASSA	Sample																								
		SSA		papers																										Selected from		Registers		Registers		for		
		Roll		Roll	Erro			papers		Roll		Roll	as Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample																						
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors																						
Half Day Preschool Age 3																																						
Full Day Preschool Age 3																																						
Half Day Preschool Age 4	14				14		4		4																													
Full Day Preschool Age 4																																						
Half Day Kindergarten																																						
Full Day Kindergarten	136				136		22		22																													
One	146				146		30		30																													
Two	143				143		22		22																													
Three	163				163		25		25																													
Four	154				154		25		25																													
Five	171				171		34		34																													
Six	183				183		29		29																													
Seven	192				192		27		27																													
Eight	214				214		33		33																													
Nine																																						
Ten																																						
Eleven																																						
Twelve																																						
Post-Graduate																																						
Adult HS (15+CR)																																						
Adult HS (1-14CR)	1,516				1,516		251		251																													
Subtotal	1,516				1,316				251				-																									
Special Education-Elementary	135				135		16		16				6	6	6																							
Special Education-Middle	100				100		12		12				1	1	1																							
Special Education-High School																																						
Subtotal	235		-		235		28	-	28		-		7	7	7																							
County Vocational-Regular County Vocational-Full Time Post Sec.																																						
Totals	1,751	-			1,751	•	279		279				7	7	7																							
Percentage Error					100.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%																						

READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014 (Continued)

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

CONTEDUCE OF MODIFIED ENWORE	Re	sident Low Incor	Sample for Verification			Reside	nt LEP Low Inco	ome	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application & Register	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score & Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool Age 3 Full Day Preschool Age 3 Half Day Preschool Age 4 Full Day Preschool Age 4 Half Day Kindergarten												
Full Day Kindergarten	11	11						4	743			
One Two	10 8	10 8						1	(1)			
Three	19	17	2					1	(1)			
Four	8	8	2				1	1	(1)	1	1	
Five	7	7					•	,			'	
Six	6	7	(1)					1	(1)			
Seven	8	8	, ,				1	1	` '	1	1	
Eight	10	9	1									
Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult HS (15+CR) Adult HS (1-14CR)												
Subtotal	87	85	2				2	5	(3)	2	2	
Special Education-Elementary	18	20	(2)									
Special Education-Middle	17	17					1		1			
Special Education-High School Subtotal	35	37	(2)			-	1		1	-		
County Vocational-Regular Cty Vocational-F/T Post Sec. Totals	122	122					3	5	(2)	2	2	-
Percentage			0.00%			#DIV/0!			-66.67%			0.00%

READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014 (Continued)

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

SCHEDOLL OF AUDITLD LINKOLLINEINTS	Resident LEP Not Low Income Sample for Verifica							
			come		mple for Verificat	tion		
	Reported	Reported on		Sample				
	on ASSA	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to			
	as Not Low	as Not Low		from	Application	Sample		
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	& Register	Errors		
Kindergarten Full Day								
Grade 1	3	2	1	2	2			
Grade 2	1	1		1	1			
Grade 3	1		1					
Grade 5		1	(1)					
Special Education-Elementary	2	1	1	1	1			
Totals	7	5	2	4	4	_		
			28.57%			0.00%		
			Transpor	tation				
	Reported	Reported						
	on DRTRS by	on DRTRS				Sample		
	DOE/County	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		
Regular-Public Schools	1,325	1,325		248	248			
Regular-Special Education	16	16		3	3			
Public School-Special Education With Special Neets	15	15		2	2			
Non Public- Aid in Lieu of Transportation	58	58		8	8			
Transported-Non-Public				_				
Private School Disabled-With Special Needs	2	2		2	2			
Private School Disabled-Without Special Needs	2	2		2	2			
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Percentage			0.00%			0.00%		

^{*} County report does not include preschool children

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus	
2014-2015 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the CAFR, Exhibit C-1 \$ 31,030,2	206 (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)
Transfer to Unemployment Compensation Fund	- (B1e)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security 2,975,2	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	(B2b)
Adjusted 2014-2015 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)] \$ 28,054,9	929 (B3)
παjusted 2014-2010 General Fund Experiantics [(b) (b13) (b23)]	(80)
20/ -f Adicated 2014 2015 Commed Fund Fund ditures (/D2) Times (22)	000 (B4)
2% of Adjusted 2014-2015 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) Times .02] \$ 561,0	,
Enter Greater of (B4) or 250,000 561,0	* /
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment 175,0	<u>075</u> (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 736,174 (M)
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund-Fund Balances @ 06/30/2015 (Per CAFR	
Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) \$ 6,144,5	544 (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances 182,6	693 (C1)
Legally Restricted-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	- (C2)
Restricted-Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's	, ,
Expenditures 757,4	142 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances 3,619,1	131 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance-Designated for Subsequent Year's	
Expenditures	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 1,585,278 (U)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

(Continued)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U)-(M)] if Negative Enter -0-		\$ 849,104 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015		
Restricted Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus		\$ 757,442 (C3) 849,104 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]		\$ 1,606,546 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments Impact Aid Sale and Lease Back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic Transportation Aid Other Allowable Adjustments Total Adjustments	- (163,633 (11,442 ((H)) J1) J2) J3)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance Approved Unspent Separate Proposal Sale/Lease-Back Reserve Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Other State/Government Mandated Reserve (Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above)	\$ - 3,044,892 367,179 207,060 -	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 3,619,131	(C4)

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SUGGESTIONS

- 1. The District should take measures to ensure the accuracy of the net payroll bank reconciliation.
- 2. Continuing effort should be made to ensure the accuracy of the information reported in the District's ASSA report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendations have been developed as a result of the audit.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S AUDIT FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no prior year audit recommendations.

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The foregoing conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our examination of the financial statements, and this report of such conditions does not modify our report dated November 19, 2015

Should any questions arise as to our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the school officials and employees during the course of the examination.

William M. Colantano, Jr. Public School Accountant

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