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April 12, 2017

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Ms. Patricia Fitzgerald, Superintendent Camden County Technical School District 343 Berlin Cross Keys Road Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

The New Jersey Department of Education has completed a review of funds received and disbursed from one or more federal programs by the <u>Camden County Technical School District</u>. The funding source reviewed was the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The review covered the period July 1, 2015 through March 10, 2017. The resulting report is enclosed. Please provide a copy of the report to each board member. All issued Consolidated Monitoring Reports will be posted on the department's website at <u>www.state.nj.us/education/compliance/monitor/.</u> Also, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-5.6(c), you must post the report on the district's website.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Spates at (609) 984-5909.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Cicchino, Director Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance

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New Jersey K-12 Education

CONSOLIDATED MONITORING REPORT APRIL 2017

District: County: Dates On-Site: Case #: Camden County Technical School District Camden March 9 and 10, 2017 CM - 014 - 16

FUNDING SOURCES

Program		Fund	Funding Award	
IDEA Basic		\$	680,301	
	Total Funds	\$	680,301	

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BACKGROUND

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and other federal laws require that districts provide programs and services based on the requirements specified in each of the authorizing statutes (i.e., ESEA, IDEA, and Carl D. Perkins). The laws further require that state education agencies such as the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) monitor the implementation of federal programs by sub recipients and determine whether the funds are being used by the district for their intended purpose and achieving the overall objectives of the funding initiatives. Due to the impending implementation of new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) regulations, only IDEA and Special Education will be reviewed during consolidated monitoring.

INTRODUCTION

The NJDOE visited the Camden County Technical School District to monitor the district's use of federal funds and the related program plans, where applicable, to determine whether the district's programs are meeting the intended purposes and objectives, as specified in the current year applications and authorizing statutes, and to determine whether the funds were spent in accordance with the program requirements, federal and state laws, and applicable regulations. The on-site visit included staff interviews and documentation reviews related to the requirements of the IDEA Basic program for the period July 1, 2015, through March 10, 2017.

The scope of work performed included the review of documentation including grant applications, program plans and needs assessments, grant awards, annual audits, board minutes, payroll records, accounting records, purchase orders, and an interview of the program administrator regarding the IDEA grant, as well as, current district policies and procedures. The monitoring team members also conducted interviews with school personnel, reviewed documentation for a sample of expenditures and conducted internal control reviews.

EXPENDITURES REVIEWED

The IDEA Basic grant was reviewed from July 1, 2015, through March 10, 2017. A sampling of purchase orders and/or salaries was taken from each program reviewed.

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GENERAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW OF USE OF IDEA FUNDS

IDEA Projects (Special Education)

The majority of FY 2016-2017 IDEA Basic funds are being used to fund two Learning Disability Teacher Consultants and two special education teachers who are employed by the district. Funds were also used for occupational and speech therapy services, materials and equipment, supplies and professional development.

DETAILED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A review of the expenditures charged to the IDEA grant did not yield any findings.

The NJDOE thanks you for your time and cooperation during the monitoring visit.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Spates via phone at (609) 984-5909 or via email at <u>carla.spates@doe.state.nj.us</u>.