

**FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2024**

**FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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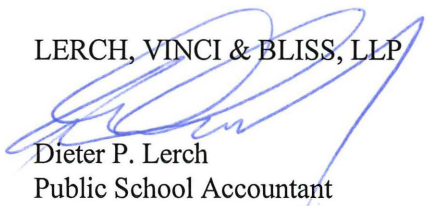
We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Fredon Township School District, County of Sussex, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2024.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey 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 and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
November 14, 2024

**FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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, 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 the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's ACFR.

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rianna Ketch	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$200,000
Kerry Keane	Treasurer of School Monies	200,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with School Alliance Insurance Fund covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$50,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

We performed an examination of claims paid during the period under review with respect to each of signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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 tested were approved by the Superintendent 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, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the General Fund

The District filed the required certification (ECERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators with the New Jersey Department of Treasury by the March 15 due date.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account and payroll agency account were performed.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (E.S.S.A.)

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 projects under Title I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and Exhibit K-4 located in the ACFR.

The financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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 are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a qualified purchasing agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$22,400 for 2023-24.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Board Attorney'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. Our audit noted no violations occurred.

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.

Food Service Fund

COVID – 19 Emergency

SFA's were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7. The SFA's were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of Free and Reduced Price meal eligible students.

SFA's were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
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Food Service Fund (Continued)

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (ACFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed and meals claimed did agree with meal count records.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

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.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

The District had contracted with Maschio's to operate and manage its food service program for 2023/24.

Provisions of the food service management company (FSMC) contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will break even. The operating results provision has been met.

Our audit revealed net cash resources exceeded the three month average expenditures at June 30, 2024 in the Food Service Fund. We noted the District has developed and implemented a plan to eliminate the excess of net cash resources in the Food Service Fund. The District indicated such plan will take more than one year to be fully implemented and to eliminate the excess in net cash resources that exists at June 30, 2024.

Student Activity Funds

The Board has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

All disbursements were supported by proper documentation.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2023 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low income, related services and bilingual students. 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 with no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with no 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 has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

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Pupil Transportation

Our procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2023-24 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. The bid specifications for the purpose of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Miscellaneous

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).

Suggestions to Management

The District outsources to an independent appraisal company the record keeping of the fixed asset records. The fixed asset report did not agree with the District's internal records. It is suggested the appraisal company update the fixed asset report to agree with District records.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

There were no findings in the prior year.

**FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

FREDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	<u>2024-25 Application for State School Aid</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>			<u>Private Schools for Disabled</u>			
	Reported on	Reported on	Errors	Sample	Verified per	Errors per	Reported on	Sample	Sample	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	Private	Verifi-		
	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool (3 YR)	4	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool (4 YR)	5	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	27	27	-	27	27	-	-	-	-	-
One	18	18	-	18	18	-	-	-	-	-
Two	21	21	-	21	21	-	-	-	-	-
Three	16	16	-	16	16	-	-	-	-	-
Four	30	30	-	30	30	-	-	-	-	-
Five	20	20	-	20	20	-	-	-	-	-
Six	22	22	-	22	22	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	- 163 -	- 163 -	- -	- 163 -	- 163 -	-	-	-	- -	-
Special Ed - Elementary	21	21	-	21	21	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	23 -	23 -	- -	23 -	23	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	186	186	-	186	186	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**FREDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023**

	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						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	5	5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	6	6	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	86	86	-	28	28	-
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	10	10	-	3	3	-
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIL Non-Public	12	12	-	4	4	-
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	6	6	-	2	2	-
Totals	114	114	-	37	37	-
Percentage Error						0.00%

FREDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

**FREDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2023-2024 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$ 5,688,882
Increased by:	
Transfer to Special Revenue	72,755
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(805,820)</u>
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,955,817</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Increased by:	
Allowable Adjustment*	<u>30,087</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 280,087</u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 2,460,994
Decreased by:	
Year End Encumbrances	\$ 9,582
Capital Reserve	1,562,352
Unemployment Compensation	108,973
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year	<u>250,000</u>
	<u>1,930,907</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 530,087</u>

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Years	\$ 250,000
Restricted Excess Surplus	<u>250,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

* Detail of Allowable Adjustment	
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 24,627
Non Public Transportation Aid Reimbursement	<u>5,460</u>
	<u>\$ 30,087</u>

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RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

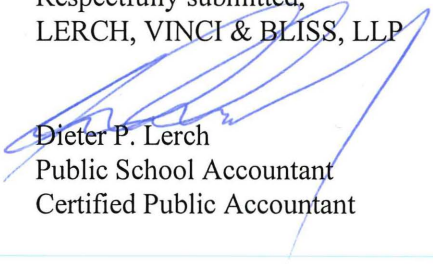
X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were none.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
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