

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2024**

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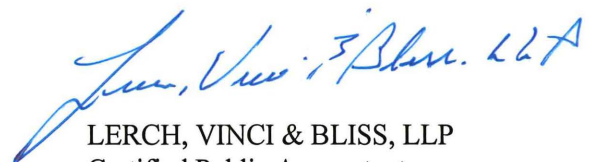
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

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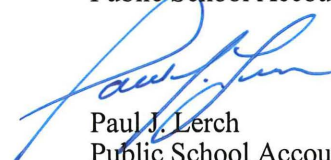
We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Glen Ridge Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2025.

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 solely 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
January 3, 2025

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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 Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report "ACFR".

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Barbara Murphy	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$300,000
John Calavano	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$300,000

There is a Public Employees' Blanket Position Bond with Selective American Insurance Company covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

P.L. 2020, c44

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 of 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. Tuition charges were established by the Board of Education and are not subject to adjustment.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification and approvals of 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 certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and approved by the Chief School Administrator.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

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

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

The District maintained an updated employee position control roster.

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 reserve 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. 6:23-16.2(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 additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Travel Policy

The District has an approved Board travel policy as required by NJAC 6A:23A-6.13 and NJSA 18A:11-12. No exceptions were noted pertaining to travel expense reimbursement payments tested.

Board Secretary's Records

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

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented monthly to the Board on a timely basis and were submitted to the executive county superintendent as prescribed by (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36).

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all District accounts.

The Treasurer's bank reconciliations were in agreement with the records of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The Treasurer's cash balances were in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

Acknowledgement of the Board's receipt of the Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General Fund in accordance with GASB 84.

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

The E.S.E.A./E.S.S.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 Titles I, II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

Our examination 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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located 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 period 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 aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

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

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 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.

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School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) and 18A:18A-3 are \$44,000 (with a qualifying purchasing agent) and \$29,000 (without a qualifying purchasing agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$22,400 for 2023/24.

The District's Board Secretary/Business Administrator is a Qualified Purchasing Agency and the Board has designated him as the QPA with a bid threshold of \$44,000.

The Glen Ridge Public Schools 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 goods or service, the result 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 did not indicate any individual payments, contracts or agreements which were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions 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 the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

Food Service Fund

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch Program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school's Food Service Program were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Expenditures were separately recorded. 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's Food Service Program.

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Student Activity and Athletic Association Accounts

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records for all students were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, related services, low-income and bilingual. 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 isolated exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with isolated 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 written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit 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 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.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation-related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the District did comply with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The District did participate SDA-ROD grants.

Our procedures included a review of the transfer of local funds from the Capital Reserve Account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted. Capital assets financial records were prepared by a third party service provider.

The capital asset records were updated for the additions and disposal of capital assets made throughout the year.

Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all 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.

Suggestions to Management

Monies collected for student activities and athletics be deposited in a timely manner.

Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations.

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS/MILKS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

**FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOT APPLICABLE

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2024-25 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on Original A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)																
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)																
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)																
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)	56		56				20		20							
Half Day Kindergarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	115		115				34		34							
Grade 1	105		105				41		41							
Grade 2	107		107				36		40		(4)					
Grade 3	118		118				118		118							
Grade 4	114		114				114		114							
Grade 5	103		103				103		103							
Grade 6	126		126				126		126							
Grade 7	115		115				115		115							
Grade 8	113		113				113		113							
Grade 9	113		113				113		113							
Grade 10	112		112				112		112							
Grade 11	99		99				99		99							
Grade 12	122		122				122		122							
Subtotal	1,518	-	1,518	-	-	-	1,266	-	1,270	-	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed- Elementary	116	-	116	-	-	-	24	-	24	-	-	-	5	1	1	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	55	-	55	-	-	-	14	-	14	-	-	-	2	1	1	-
Sp Ed - High School	97	-	97	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	14	4	4	-
Subtotal	268	-	268	-	-	-	58	-	58	-	-	-	21	6	6	-
Totals	1,786	-	1,786	-	-	-	1,324	-	1,328	-	(4)	-	21	6	6	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					-0.30%	0.00%				0.00%

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)												
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)												
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)												
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)												
Half Day Kindergarten												
Full Day Kindergarten												
Grade 1												
Grade 2												
Grade 3												
Grade 4	1	1	-	1	1	-						
Grade 5												
Grade 6												
Grade 7												
Grade 8												
Grade 9												
Grade 10												
Grade 11												
Grade 12												
Subtotal	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed - Elementary	1	1	-	-	-	-						
Sp Ed - Middle School	2	2	-	1	1	-						
Sp Ed - High School	1	1	-	-	-	-						
Subtotal	4	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	5	5	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
Transportation												
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Reg. - Public Schools												
Transported - Non - Public												
Special Ed. - Public												
Special Needs - Public	41	41	-	12	12	-						
	41	41	-	12	12	-						
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%						

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	Resident LEP Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)						
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)						
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)						
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten						
Grade 1						
Grade 2						
Grade 3						
Grade 4						
Grade 5						
Grade 6	2	2	-	1	1	-
Grade 7						
Grade 8						
Grade 9	1	1	-	1	1	-
Grade 10	1	1	-	-	-	-
Grade 11	1	1	-	-	-	-
Grade 12	1	1	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	6	6	-	2	2	-
Sp Ed - Elementary	1	1	-			
Sp Ed - Middle School						
Sp Ed - High School						
Subtotal	1	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	7	-	2	2	-
Percentage Error		0.00%			0.00%	

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR		\$ 44,972,929
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 324,000	
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>546,000</u>	
		870,000
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		<u>(8,899,014)</u>
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$ 36,943,915</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures	738,878	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment- Extraordinary Aid	<u>457,043</u>	
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance		<u>\$ 1,195,921</u>
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2024		\$ 7,796,705
Decreased by:		
Legally Restricted Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ (2,038,806)	
Other Restricted and Assigned Fund Balances	<u>(2,561,978)</u>	
		<u>(4,600,784)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$ 3,195,921</u>
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>
<u>Recapitulation of Excess Surplus at June 30, 2024</u>		
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		\$ 2,038,806
Excess Surplus		<u>2,000,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 4,038,806</u>
<u>Analysis Other Restricted and Assigned Fund Balance</u>		
Capital Reserve	\$ 2,117,779	
Maintenance Reserve	400,000	
Unemployment	<u>44,199</u>	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance		<u>\$ 2,561,978</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 Programs

There are none.

IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VII. Application of State School Aid

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

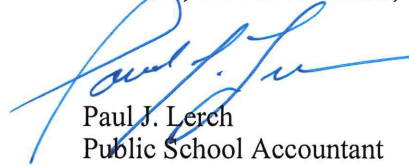
The recommendation from the prior year was corrected.

**GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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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