

**HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
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AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Henry Hudson Regional School District
Highlands, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the comptroller General of the United States, the general purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Henry Hudson Regional School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated January 10, 2025.

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 Henry Hudson Regional 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.



Licensed Public School Accountant
No. 322
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January 10, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

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, 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 ACFR.

Officials Bond

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Janet Sherlock	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 200,000.00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond under the blanket policy covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.00.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the increase/decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)*3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certifications, 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 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.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g)* 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-2.4*. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

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

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, Title IIA and Title IV.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B 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.

The study of compliance for the special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

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 \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (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 \$20,200 for 2023-24.

The District 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.

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 agreement for "Professional Services" per *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5*.

School Food Service Fund

The food services for 2023-24 were awarded to Simplified Culinary Services on their proposal of a management fee of \$10,000 with a guaranteed subsidy of \$4,000. The operating results provision has been met. All vendor discounts, rebates, and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

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 agreed with meal count records.

School Food Service Fund (Continued)

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days. The free and reduced price meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completed and available for review.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits per state guidelines.

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

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The District deposited and expended program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section B-4-B-6.

The 2023-24 operations produced a net loss of \$24,537.

GAAP Accounting Implementation

The school district's double entry system of accounting records were maintained in accordance with the Department of Education's prescribed GAAP Technical Systems Manual, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:A4-14 and N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. 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 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 purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exception were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Student Body Activities/Athletic Account**Student Activities**

During our review of the student activity funds, no exceptions were noted.

Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year audit findings.

Acknowledgment

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

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the ACFR	\$ 12,642,199
Decreased by:	
On Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>(2,044,631)</u>
Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 10,597,568</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 211,951</u>
Enter Greater of Above or \$250,000	\$ 250,000
Increased by Allowable Adjustments	<u>60,580</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 310,580</u>

Section 2

Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-24	\$ 3,684,271
Decreased by:	
Legally Restricted:	
Other Reserves	(2,078,918)
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures – Excess Surplus	(602,182)
Reserve for Unemployment	<u>(8,258)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 994,913</u>
Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 684,333</u>

Section 3

Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures	\$ 602,182
Excess Surplus	<u>684,333</u>
	<u>\$ 1,286,515</u>

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Extraordinary Aid	\$ 42,835
Non-Public Transportation	<u>17,745</u>
	<u>\$ 60,580</u>

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,441,935
Capital Reserve	<u>636,983</u>
	<u>\$ 2,078,918</u>

HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

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	2024-25 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Handicapped			
	Reported On		Reported on		Errors		Sample Selected		Verified Per		Errors Per Registers		Reported On	Sample for	Sample	Sample
	A.S.S.A. on Roll		Workpapers on Roll				from Workpapers		Registers on Roll		on Roll		A.S.S.A. as	Verification	Verified	Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools			
Seven	40		40				40		40							
Eight	49		49				49		49							
Nine	27		27				27		27							
Ten	30		30				30		30							
Eleven	36		36				36		36							
Twelve	49	2	49	2			49	2	49	2						
Subtotal	231	2	231	2	0	0	231	2	231	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed. - Middle School	29		29				29		29							
Special Ed. - High School	28	11	28	11			28	11	28	11			3	3	3	
Subtotal	57	11	57	11	0	0	57	11	57	11	0	0	3	3	3	0
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. - Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	288	13	288	13	0	0	288	13	288	13	0	0	3	3	3	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%				0%

HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

Sheet 2 of 2

	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	Reported on Workpapers as LEP	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Test Score & Register	Sample Errors
Seven	3	3		3	3							
Eight	6	6		5	5							
Nine	3	3		2	2							
Ten	9	9		7	7							
Eleven	6	6		6	6		3	3		3	3	
Twelve	7	7		5	5		1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	34	34	0	28	28	0	4	4	0	4	4	0
Special Ed. - Middle School	13	13		12	12		2	2		2	2	
Special Ed. - High School	10	10		10	10		1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	23	23	0	22	22	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Totals	57	57	0	50	50	0	7	7	0	7	7	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%			0%			0%

Resident LEP - Not Low Income

	Resident LEP - Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP	Reported on Workpapers as LEP	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Test Score & Register	Sample Errors
Nine						
Ten						
Eleven	1	1		1	1	
Twelve						
	1	1	0	1	1	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

TRANSPORTATION

	Reported on DRTS by DOE	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		Reported	Recalculated
Reg. - Public Schools	140	140		100	100		Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	6.2	6.2
Transported - Non-Public	16	16		16	16		Avg. Mileage - Special Ed. With Special Needs	18.6	18.6
Special Ed. - Regular	45	45		40	40				
Special Needs - Private	2	2		2	2				
Totals	203	203	0	158	158	0			
Percentage Error						0%			

HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.