

**LAUREL SPRINGS
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2024**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Laurel Springs School District
County of Camden, 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 general-purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Laurel Springs School District in the County of Gloucester for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024.

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 solely for the information and use of the management of South Harrison Township Board of Education 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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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Education, and 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.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mark Stratton	School Business Administrator	\$185,000

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 on audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted included all health benefit plans offered by the school district.

The school district project data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

If the data certification date reflects submission date later than 60 days after the end of the enrollment period: The original data submission did not require significant revision due to errors or omissions on the part of the district.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

Finding 2024-001

The School District did not have adequate internal control procedures in place for the timely creation, approval and payment of purchase orders, the required signatures, certifications and supporting documents.

Recommendation

The School District establishes and implements internal control procedures for the timely creation, approval and payment of purchase orders, documentation of the required signatures and certification and supporting documents.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

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, including health benefits withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the secretary of the board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents, and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 due date.

Reporting of employee compensation for income tax related purposes did comply with federal (or state) regulations regarding the compensation which is required to be reported.

Finding 2024-004 AMR

Employees were not timely enrolled in TPAF pension and payments were not made to the State of New Jersey on a monthly basis.

Recommendation

Employees be enrolled timely in pension and the payments be made monthly as required.

Finding 2024-005 AMR

Employee withholdings for Health Insurance Contributions did not agree with the appropriate member contribution rate.

Recommendation

Employee Health Insurance member contribution rates be reviewed to ensure accuracy of withholding.

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 discrepancies were found.

Finding 2024-006 AMR

Payments made were not in agreement with approved contracts or no contact was on file.

Recommendation

The School Business Administrator should review the payments and purchase orders to ensure that all payments are properly authorized and consistent with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.10(a).

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(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:23-8.2. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary.

A. General Classification Findings

Finding 2024-007 AMR

During our test of transactions, it was noted that the district misclassified and misbudgeted various costs. We were unable to determine the total dollar amount of these misclassifications since not all invoices were available for review. The expenditure and related appropriations were not reclassified for financial statement presentation purposes.

Recommendation

Districts should reference *The Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools* and other available reference materials, such as the Budget Guidelines for the proper classifications required to be in compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f)*.

B. Administrative Classification Findings

Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's Records were in satisfactory condition.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (NJSA 18A:18A-21).

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

Budget appropriations were not greater than realized revenues and the Board authorized use of surplus.

No budgetary line accounts were over-expended during the fiscal year and at June 30.

Purchase orders were charged to the appropriate line accounts in accordance with the State prescribed Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (2R2), for New Jersey Public Schools.

Treasurer's Records

The Board Treasurer's Records were in satisfactory condition.

All required reconciliations were performed.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurer's Records were in agreement with the Board Secretary.

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 School District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation-related purchases of goods and services.

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

The E.S.E.A./NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate 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 Other Special Federal and State Projects revealed no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund.

Finding 2024-002

Numerous of the biweekly TPAF social security contribution submissions to the State Department of Education were not filed in a timely manner.

Recommendation

The School District ensure they timely remit biweekly submissions of the employer's share of social security contributions for members of the TPAF, to the State Department of Education by implementing controls over this process, as required per NJSA 1and 8A:66-66.

TPAF 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 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 Grant Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

Finding 2024-003

The School District did not file or remit the funds to the State of New Jersey for the reimbursement for pension and social security for federally funded programs timely. It had not been paid as of the date of the audit.

Recommendation

The School District ensure they remit reimbursement(s) of pension and social security for federally funded programs to the State of New Jersey within the statutory 90-day liquidation period, as required per N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90.

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 currently \$22,400 for 2023-2024.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures of any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where questions arise as to whether any contract or agreement might result in a 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 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.

Based on the results of my examination, I 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 provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

School Food Service

SFAs 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 SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs 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 students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or state program. However, the program expenditures did not exceed \$100,000 in federal and/or state support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

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

We also inquired of management about the public health emergency procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations.

The Schedule of Meal Count Activity is not a required presentation where the School Food Service Program has not been audited as a major program.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section titled Enterprise Funds, section B of the ACFR.

Finding 2024-008 AMR

The School District did not submit a monthly reimbursement for meals served to the Department of Agriculture.

Recommendation

The School District ensure the timely remittance of monthly reimbursement requests for meals served to the Department of Agriculture, within 60 days following the last day of the month covered by the claim by implementing controls over this process, as required by 7 CFR210.8(b)1.

Student Body Activities

Overall, the records of the various student activity funds were in satisfactory condition.

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 School District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the School 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 School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent. The School District has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our audit procedures of facilities and capital assets found no exceptions.

Miscellaneous

The school district did comply with continuing disclosure agreements made in relation to prior year(s) bond issuances.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all the 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.

The school district did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12(g).

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with governmental auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action has not been taken on all prior year findings, which are repeated in this year's recommendations noted as current year findings.

2024-001 - The School District establishes and implements internal control procedures for the timely creation, approval and payment of purchase orders, documentation of the required signatures and certification and supporting documents.

2024-002 - The School District ensure they timely remit biweekly submissions of the employer's share of social security contributions for members of the TPAF, to the State Department of Education by implementing controls over this process, as required per NJSA 1 and 8A:66-66.

2024-003 - The School District ensure they remit reimbursement(s) of pension and social security for federally funded programs to the State of New Jersey within the statutory 90-day liquidation period, as required per N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90.

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Suggestions to Management

The School District has a deficit in the Food Service Fund. We suggest that the district develop a plan to fund the deficit.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2023

	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled					
	Reported on A.S.A.			Errors			Reported on Workpapers			Verified per Registers			Reported on A.S.A. as Private Schools			Sample		
	Full	Shared	On Roll	Full	Shared	Full	Full	Shared	Full	Full	Shared	On Roll	Full	Shared	On Roll	Sample	Verified	Sample
Half Day Preschool - 3YR																		
Half Day Preschool - 4YR	10		10	-		6			6									
Full Day Preschool - 3YR																		
Full Day Preschool - 4YR																		
Half Day Kindergarten	23		23	-		14			14									
Full Day Kindergarten	19		19	-		12			12									
One	18		19	1		12			12									
Two	15		15	-		9			9									
Three	25		24	(1)		15			15									
Four	22		22	-		14			14									
Five	22		22	-		14			14									
Six																		
Seven																		
Eight																		
Nine																		
Ten																		
Eleven																		
Twelve																		
Post-Graduate																		
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																		
Adult H.S. (1-14+CR.)																		
Subtotal	154	-	154	-	-	96			96									
Special Ed - Elementary	31		31	-		19			19									
Special Ed - Middle School	3		3	-		2			2									
Special Ed - High School																		
Subtotal	34	-	34	-	-	21			21									
Co. Voc. - Regular																		
Co. Voc. - FT Post Sec.																		
Totals	188	-	188	-	-	117			117									
Percentage Error																		

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	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	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers LEP Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score, Register, & Application
Half Day Preschool - 3YR	9	9	-	9	2	1	1	1
Half Day Preschool - 4YR	4	4	-	3	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 3YR	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4YR	4	4	-	4	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	7	7	-	7	2	2	2	2
Full Day Kindergarten	8	8	-	6	1	1	1	1
One	5	5	-	5	1	1	1	1
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	40	40	-	37	6	5	5	5
Special Ed - Elementary	14	14	-	9	1	1	1	1
Special Ed - Middle School	3	3	-	2	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	17	17	-	11	1	1	1	1
Subtotal								
Co. Voc. - Regular								
Co. Voc. - FT Post Sec.								
Totals	57	57	-	48	7	6	6	6
Percentage Error			-				-	-

	Transportation			
	Reported on DRTS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTS by District	Tested	Verified
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	18	18	17	17
Reg - Sp Ed, col. 4				
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3				
ALL Non-Public Schools				
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	9	9	8	8
Totals	27	27	25	25
Percentage Error			-	-

Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK Students
Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK Students
Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs

Reported 7.2
Recalculated 7.2
7.2
12.8

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	<u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Not Low Income</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers LEP Not Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Test Score and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool - 3YR						
Half Day Preschool - 4YR						
Full Day Preschool - 3YR						
Full Day Preschool - 4YR						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten						
One						
Two			-			-
Three	1	1		1	1	
Four						
Five						
Six						
Seven						
Eight						
Nine						
Ten						
Eleven						
Twelve						
Post-Graduate						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						
Adult H.S. (1-14+CR.)						
Subtotal	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Ed - Elementary						
Special Ed - Middle School						
Special Ed - High School						
Subtotal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. - FT Post Sec.						
Totals	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Percentage Error			<u><u>-</u></u>			<u><u>-</u></u>

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 1

Calculation A: 2 Percent Excess Surplus

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 7,764,151	(B)	
Increased by Applicable Operating Transfers			
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)	
Decreased by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	704,607	(B2a)	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	-	(B2b)	
Adjusted General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]			7,059,544 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]			141,191 (A)
Enter greater of (A) or \$250,000			250,000 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *			79,042 (K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B-5)+(K)]			329,042 (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 06/30/24 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	1,257,911	C	
Decreased by:			
Year-End Encumbrances	151,135	(C1)	
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	-	(C2)	
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	299,232	(C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	426,337	(C4)	
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	-	(C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]			381,207 (U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	52,165	(E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	299,232	(C3)	
Reserved Excess Surplus [(C-3) + (E)] ***	52,165	(E)	
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]	\$ 351,397	(D)	

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for: Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back, Extraordinary Aid, Additional and Nonpublic School Transportation Aid, and recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid		(H)
Sale & Lease-back		(I)
Extraordinary Aid	79,042	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	-	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized		(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid		(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid	-	(J5)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)]	79,042	(K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2024 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2024 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

**** Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	
Sale/lease-back reserve	
Capital reserve	144,366
Maintenance reserve	30,000
Tuition reserve	250,000
Emergency reserve	-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	
Other state/government mandated reserve	
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	1,971
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above] ****	

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	426,337	(C4)
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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
Laurel Springs School District

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

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2024-005 - Employee member contribution rates be reviewed to ensure accuracy of withholding.

2024-006 - The School Business Administrator should review the payments and purchase orders to ensure that all payments are properly authorized and consistent with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.10(a).

2024-007 - Districts should reference *The Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools* and other available reference materials, such as the Budget Guidelines for the proper classifications required to be in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f).

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

2024-008 - The School District ensure the timely remittance of monthly reimbursement requests for meals served to the Department of Agriculture, within 60 days following the last day of the month covered by the claim by implementing controls over this process, as required by 7 CFR210.8(b)1.

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

Finding 2023-001 – Repeated as item 2024-008

Finding 2023-002 – Repeated as item 2024-002

Finding 2023-003 – Repeated as item 2024-003

Finding 2023-004 – Repeated as item 2024-001