

# **CITY OF NORTH WILDWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**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  
City of North Wildwood School District  
County of Cape May, 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 basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the City of North Wildwood School District in the County of Cape May for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 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 City of North Wildwood 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.

Very truly yours,

*Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C.*

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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 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, 18A:13-13)

Name	Position	Amount
Todd N. Burkey	Treasurer	\$225,000

#### Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges were made. The actual costs were more than the estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the increase in per pupil costs in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

#### P.L. 2020, C. 44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per NJSA 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 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.

### **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, 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 were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and Superintendent.

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

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant for the full amount of each payroll.

### Employee Position Control Roster

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found no inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

### 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.

### Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with NJAC 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 NJAC 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0.00% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### ***A. General Classification Findings***

None

#### ***B. Administrative Classification Findings***

None

### Board Secretary's Records

The records of the Board Secretary were maintained in satisfactory condition.

### Treasurer's Records

The records of the Treasurer of School Moneys were maintained in satisfactory condition.

### **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 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. 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 Special Federal and/or State Projects indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.



### **T.P.A.F. 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 Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

### **TPAF 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 it was determined the amount was properly set up as an accounts payable and charged to the 2024 fiscal year grant.

### **School Purchasing Program**

#### **Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids**

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 states:

a. When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the board of education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. (pending C.40A:11-9) the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$44,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to the section.

b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, c.440 takes effect, and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the board of education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in NJS 18A:18A-2, and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of NJSA 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

NJSA 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the board of education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other.

The board of education may, by resolution approved by a majority of the board of education and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the board of education finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder.

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 controls under NJSA 18A:39-3 is \$20,200 effective 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.

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.

The results of my examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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, 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 NJSA 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 exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, as to whether the School Food Authority (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

The District utilizes a food service management company (FSMC), through an interlocal agreement with the Wildwood Board of Education, and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with NJSA 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1.

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

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

We 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.

### ***Finding 2024-1:***

The net position of the food service program at June 30, 2024 is reported as a deficit in the amount of \$6,125.53. This is the result of higher costs associated with the program, such as food and salaries. The district has appropriated \$30,000 to cover deficit in the enterprise fund in their 2025 fiscal year budget. Based on this, a recommendation is not warranted.

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

### **Student Body Activities**

No exceptions were noted during our review of the student activity fund.

### **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, 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 2023-2024 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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

### **Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities**

The school district adhered to all the requirements of NJAC 6A: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 NJAC 6A:26-12.4(g).

### **Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings**

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

### **Acknowledgment**

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

**NORTH WILDWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**  
**APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY**  
**ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023**

	2024-2025 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on A.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on Private Schools	Sample Veri- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Full Day Preschool	12		12		-		7		7		-					
Full Day Kindergarten	7		7		-		4		4		-					
One	14		14		-		9		9		-					
Two	11		11		-		7		7		-					
Three	17		17		-		11		11		-					
Four	23		23		-		15		15		-					
Five	7		7		-		4		4		-					
Six	14		14		-		9		9		-					
Seven	12		12		-		7		7		-					
Eight	11		11		-		7		7		-					
Subtotal	128	-	128	-	-		80	-	80	-	-		-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	20		20		-		12		12		-					
Special Ed - Middle School	15		15		-		9		9		-					
Subtotal	35	-	35	-	-		21	-	21	-	-		-	-	-	-
Totals	163	-	163	-	-		101	-	101	-	-		-	-	-	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

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**APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY**  
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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	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 LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application, Score, Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Preschool - 4 Yrs	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Full Day Kindergarten	4	4	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	7	7	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	3	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	9	9	-	7	7	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Four	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	5	5	-	5	5	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Seven	6	6	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	4	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	46	46	-	36	36	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Subtotal	67	67	-	51	51	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Special Ed - Elementary	9	9	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	8	8	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	4	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	21	21	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	67	67	-	51	51	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Percentage Error	0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%		

Transportation						Reported		Recalculated	
Reported on DRTS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	30	-	26	26	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Reg. - Sp Ed, col. 4	-	-	-	-	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Transported - Non-Public, col. 2	-	-	-	-	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
AIL - Non-Public, col. 3	1	-	1	1	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	7	-	6	6	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Totals	38	-	33	33	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Percentage Error	0.00%			0.00%					

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	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	2	2	-	2	2	-
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	2	2	-	2	2	-
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	2	-	2	2	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

**EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION****REGULAR DISTRICT****SECTION 1****A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus**

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$	9,457,906.90	(B)
Increased by:			
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		(1,796,213.37)	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases			(B2b)
Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]		<u>7,661,693.53</u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]		<u>153,234.00</u>	(B4)
Enter greater of (B4) or \$250,000		<u>250,000.00</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *		<u>39,248.00</u>	(K)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]			<u>289,248.00</u> (M)

**SECTION 2**

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-24 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)		7,073,452.86	C
Decreased by:			
Year-end Encumbrances		(187,651.86)	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		-	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **		(724,261.97)	(C3)
Other Reserved Fund Balances ****		(4,949,036.53)	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		<u>(82,097.03)</u>	(C5)
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]			<u>1,130,405.47</u> (U1)

**SECTION 3**

Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-		<u>841,157.47</u>	(E)
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**Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024**

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **		724,261.97	(C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]		<u>841,157.47</u>	(E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]	\$	<u>1,565,419.44</u>	(D)

\* This adjustment line (Line K) (as detailed below) is to be utilized for:  
    (H) Federal Impact Aid  
    (I) Sale of Lease-back  
    (JI) Extraordinary Aid;  
    (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;  
    (J3) Recognized current year school bus Advertising Revenue; and  
    (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.  
    (J5) Supplemental Stabilization Aid & Maintenance of Equity Aid.

**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Impact Aid	-	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	-	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	38,793.00	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	455.00	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	-	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	-	(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid & Maintenance of Equity Aid	-	(J5)
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Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)]	\$ 39,248.00	(K)

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

\*\*\* Amount must agree to the June 30, 2024 CAFR and the sum of the two lines must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

\*\*\*\* Amount for Other Reserved 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 Reserved Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	-
Sale/lease-back reserve	-
Capital reserve	3,862,407.36
Maintenance reserve	429,130.64
Emergency reserve	352,470.58
Tuition reserve	252,366.92
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve- current year	-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve- prior year	-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	-
Other state/government mandated reserves	-
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	52,661.03
Other Reserved Fund Balance not noted above****	-

Total Other Reserved Fund Balance	\$ 4,949,036.53
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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024  
NORTH WILDWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

No prior year findings