

**PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS  
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Education  
Perth Amboy Public School District  
County of Middlesex, 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 Perth Amboy Public School District in the County of Middlesex 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 finding 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 Perth Amboy Township 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jump, Perry and Company, L.L.P.  
Toms River, New Jersey

Kathryn Perry, Partner  
Public School Accountant  
No. CS 20CS00226400

December 18, 2024

## **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 school district ACFR.

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

Name	Position	Amount
Michael LoBrace	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 150,000
Kenneth Jannarone	Treasurer	\$ 1,000,000

There is an Employee Dishonesty Faithful Performance Crime Coverage policy with N.J. School Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

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 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.

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. Our comparison revealed that tuition appeared to be charged correctly.

#### **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.

## **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)**

### **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, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Chief School Administrator.

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

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

### **Employee Position Control Roster**

A review of the Position Control Roster was made and found that proper and consistent financial reporting, and that employee benefits are offered only to current employees and their eligible relations.

### **Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2024 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

### **Travel**

No findings.

### **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, a transaction error rate of 0.00 percent overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

### **Board Secretary's Records**

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the board secretary disclosed the following items.

No findings.

### **Treasurer's Records**

The following items were noted during our review of the records of the Treasurer.

No findings.

## **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 the Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

### **Other Special Federal and/or State Projects**

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule K-3 and Schedule 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. Reimbursement**

Our audit procedures included a test of quarterly 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(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 subsequent 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**

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

1. 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 possesses a qualified purchasing agent certificate pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9) the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

**School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)**  
**Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (cont'd)**

2. 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 the 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 N.J.S.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 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

*N.J.S.A. 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 law."

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 \$22,400 for 2023-2024.

The 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.

The results of our 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.

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.

### **School Food Service (cont'd)**

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, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

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.

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 free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

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 Position (ACFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program costs 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.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records were reviewed on a test-check basis. No exceptions were noted. Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit. No exceptions were noted.

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

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.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Time sheets were reviewed, and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the board of education/board of trustees. No exceptions were noted.



### **School Food Service (cont'd)**

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications /or to the list of directly certified students on file, times the number of operating days, on a school-by-school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school system. Sites approved to participate in Provisions I and II were examined for compliance with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

USDA Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

### **Student Body Activities**

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

No findings.

### **Application for State School Aid (ASSA)**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported on 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 has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

### **Pupil Transportation**

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2022-2023 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 exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

### **Facilities and Capital Assets**

Since the District is classified as a District required to utilize school based budgeting, a majority of School Development Authority (SDA) grant activity is conducted by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the District. The on behalf grant activity is reported in the District's financial statements as state aid revenue and capital outlay expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund based on the information provided to the District.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **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 submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

#### **Follow-up on Prior Year Findings**

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

### **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.

**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

**PERTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**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		Reported on		Errors		Sample		Verified per		Errors per		Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S.A.		Workpapers				Selected from		Registers		Registers		A.S.S.A. as	for		
	On Roll	On Roll	On Roll	On Roll			On Roll	On Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample				
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 3 yr	322	-	322	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	477	-	477	-	-	-	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	621	-	621	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	614	-	614	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	597	-	597	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	630	-	630	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	631	-	631	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	636	-	636	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	625	-	625	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	601	-	601	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	577	-	577	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	600	-	600	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	634	-	634	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	585	-	585	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	612	-	612	-	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	23	-	23	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	8,785	-	8,785	-	-	-	280	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	724	-	724	-	-	-	23	-	23	-	-	-	9	7	7	-
Special Ed - Middle School	222	1	222	1	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	13	11	11	-
Special Ed - High School	265	1	265	1	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	44	33	33	-
Subtotal	1,211	2	1,211	2	-	-	38	-	38	-	-	-	66	51	51	-
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	9,996	2	9,996	2	-	-	318	-	318	-	-	-	66	51	51	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.0%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

**PERTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023**

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on	Reported on	Errors	Sample	Verified to	Sample	Reported on	Reported on	Errors	Sample	Verified to	Sample
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as					A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as				
	Low	Low		Selected from	Application	Errors	LEP low	LEP low		Selected from	Test Score	Errors
	Income	Income		Workpapers	and Register		Income	Income		Workpapers	and Register	
Half Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	519	519	-	21	21	-	286	286	-	32	32	-
One	521	521	-	22	22	-	178	178	-	20	20	-
Two	519	519	-	21	21	-	282	282	-	32	32	-
Three	545	545	-	23	23	-	234	234	-	26	26	-
Four	505	505	-	21	21	-	171	171	-	19	19	-
Five	483	483	-	20	20	-	164	164	-	18	18	-
Six	524	524	-	22	22	-	154	154	-	17	17	-
Seven	530	530	-	21	21	-	148	148	-	17	17	-
Eight	511	511	-	21	21	-	142	142	-	16	16	-
Nine	461	461	-	19	19	-	125	125	-	14	14	-
Ten	466	466	-	19	19	-	126	126	-	14	14	-
Eleven	432	432	-	18	18	-	125	125	-	14	14	-
Twelve	452	452	-	19	19	-	115	115	-	14	14	-
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	6,468	6,468	-	267	267	-	2,250	2,250	-	253	253	-
Special Ed - Elementary	618	618	-	25	25	-	265	265	-	30	30	-
Special Ed - Middle	206.5	206.5	-	9	9	-	54	54	-	6	6	-
Special Ed - High	255	255	-	11	11	-	14	14	-	2	2	-
Subtotal	1,079.5	1,079.5	-	45	45	-	333	333	-	38	38	-
DCF Regional Day Sch.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Res. Mental Health CTR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Train Sch/Secure Care	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Community CTR	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Detention CTR	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7,552.5	7,552.5	-	312	312	-	2,583	2,583	-	291	291	-
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	693	693	-	132	132	-	
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	309	309	-	59	59	-	
Transported - AIL, col. 2 & Non-Public, Col. 3	73	73	-	13	13	-	
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	312	312	-	59	59	-	
Totals	1,387	1,387	-	264	264	-	
						Reported	Recalculated
Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A)						3.9	3.9
Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B)						3.9	3.9
Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs						5.2	5.2
Percentage Error						0.00%	

Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A)  
Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B)  
Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs

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**PERTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023**

	<b><u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u></b>			<b><u>Sample for Verification</u></b>		
	<b><u>Reported on</u></b> <b><u>A.S.S.A. as</u></b> <b><u>NOT Low</u></b> <b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Reported on</u></b> <b><u>Workpapers as</u></b> <b><u>NOT Low</u></b> <b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Errors</u></b>	<b><u>Sample</u></b> <b><u>Selected from</u></b> <b><u>Workpapers</u></b>	<b><u>Verified to</u></b> <b><u>Application</u></b> <b><u>and Register</u></b>	<b><u>Sample</u></b> <b><u>Errors</u></b>
Half Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	62	62	-	19	19	-
One	43	43	-	13	13	-
Two	47	47	-	14	14	-
Three	49	49	-	15	15	-
Four	52	52	-	16	16	-
Five	61	61	-	19	19	-
Six	44	44	-	14	14	-
Seven	45	45	-	14	14	-
Eight	35	35	-	11	11	-
Nine	57	57	-	18	18	-
Ten	68	68	-	20	20	-
Eleven	56	56	-	17	17	-
Twelve	59	59	-	18	18	-
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>678</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Ed - Elementary	57	57	-	18	18	-
Special Ed - Middle School	11	11	-	3	3	-
Special Ed - High School	9	9	-	3	3	-
Subtotal	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	<u>755</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

In the recapitulation of fund balance reported at the end of the Budgetary Comparison Schedule (Exhibit C-1), the reserve for each of two possible years should be reported separately. Separate lines are provided in the Audsum data collection (line 90028 for current year and line 90029 for subsequent year) for each applicable year's reserve. GASBS No. 54 requires the further categorization of the bus advertising reserve for fuel costs account balance on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Exhibit B-1). Based upon the withdrawal requirements, the bus advertising reserve for fuel costs has significant externally imposed restrictions on its use and should be categorized as "Restricted" fund balance. The same categorization is applicable to the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule (Exhibit C-1).

### Excess Surplus Calculation- Regular Districts N/A to Charter School/Renaissance School Project

Section 1	Amount	Amount
A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus		
2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1		\$ 301,367,855 (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		\$ 6,535,073 (B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion		\$ (B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 45,491,345 (B2a)	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ (B2b)	
Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 262,411,583 (B3)	
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 5,248,232 (B4)	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 5,248,232 (B5)	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$ 402,911 (K)	
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		\$ 5,651,143 (M)

Section 2	Amount	amount
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2024 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)		
Decreased by:	\$ 31,365,433 (C)	
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 1,232,280 (C1)	
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ (C2)	
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ (C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$ 25,797,879 (C4)	
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ (C5)	

Section 2	Amount	amount
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$ <u>4,335,274</u> (U1)
Section 3	Amount	Amount
Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus*** [(U1)-(M)] <b>If Negative Enter -0</b>		\$ <u>0</u> (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024		
Reserved Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **		\$ <u>0</u> (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]		\$ <u>0</u> (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]		\$ <u>0</u> (D)

### Footnotes

\*Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:

- (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve – General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
- (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
- (J1) 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

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

### Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ (H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 370,151 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 32,760 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ (J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid & Maintenance of Equity Aid	\$ (J5)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4) +(J5)]	\$ 402,911 (K)

\*\* This amount represents the June 30, 2024 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary 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 another 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	\$ 22,544,180
Maintenance reserve	\$ 1,500,000
Emergency reserve	\$ 500,000
Tuition reserve	\$
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 Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$ 1,253,699
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ (C4) 25,797,879

***The following example illustrates the proper calculation of the 2 percent excess surplus for districts not required to use school-based budgeting (SBB).*** Note that the references (a), (b), etc. are for purposes of this illustration only.

### Example

The school district had total general fund expenditures (from exhibit C-1 of ACFR) of \$7,500,000. Included in the general fund expenditures were “On-Behalf State Aid Payments” (TPAF Pension & Social Security) of \$405,000 and Assets Acquired Under Capital Lease of \$182,000. General fund transfers to other funds not included in the general fund expenditures of the ACFR, but added to the calculation, Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects of \$60,000; Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects (augment SCC/SDA grant) of \$12,000; Trans. from General Fund to SRF for Preschool - Regular of \$10,000; and Trans. from General Fund to SRF for Preschool - Inclusion of \$5,000. The district received \$2,000 in federal impact aid revenue during 2023-24 and recognized \$1,000 of School Bus Advertising Revenue during 2023-24. The June 30, 2024 general ledger reflects that the district had the following: \$4,900 of year-end “other purposes” encumbrances reported in the “Committed” fund balance category (GASBS 54); \$9,000 legally restricted reported in the “Restricted” fund balance category (GASBS 54) from an unexpended 2022-23 additional spending proposal required to be designated/appropriated in the 2024-25 budget; \$45,000 reserved June 30, 2023 excess surplus required to be designated/appropriated in the 2024-25 budget reported in the “Restricted” fund balance category (GASBS 54); \$90,000 unreserved and designated in the 2024-25 budget reported in the “Assigned” fund balance category (GASBS 54); and \$395,000 unreserved/undesignated reported in the “Unassigned” fund balance category (GASBS 54) prior to calculating June 30, 2024 excess surplus.



PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AUDIT RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures  
None
- 2.. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting  
None
3. School Purchasing Program  
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 Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.