

**AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 30, 2024**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Borough of Tinton Falls School District
County of Monmouth, 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 basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Borough of Tinton Falls School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 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 of the Borough of Tinton Falls 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,

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

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

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's ACFR.

Officials Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vincent Daniels	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$250,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$400,000.

Tuition Charges

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

P.L. 2020, c.44

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 school district.

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims submitted for payment during the period under review did not reveal any material 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 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.

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 and state regulations regarding the compensation which is required to be reported.

Position Control Roster

The Position Control Roster was reviewed and compared to payroll records, employee benefit records and charges made to the general ledger to ensure proper and consistent financial reporting and that employee benefits are only offered to current employees.

Reserve for Encumbrances, Liability for 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 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 expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting, (continued)

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary were found to be in good order.

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 Title I, Title II and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Our audit of Federal and State funds on a test basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

Our examination of the federal and state funds on a test basis, indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

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 noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for the 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 prior to the end of 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.

Nonpublic School Aid

Project completion reports were finalized and transmitted to the State Department of Education by the due date.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 contains definitions for terms used throughout N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. It includes as subsection (p) the term ‘competitive contracting’, which is defined as “the method described in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 through 18A:18A-4.5 and in rules promulgated by DCA at N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 of contracting for specialized goods and services in which formal proposals are solicited from vendors; formal proposals are evaluated by the purchasing agent or counsel or school business administrator; and the board of education awards a contract to a vendor or vendors from among the formal proposals received.” Also, subsection (aa) defines the term ‘concession’ to exclude vending machines.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) sets forth the bid threshold and requires award by board resolution. There is a higher threshold when there is a “Qualified Purchasing Agent” (QPA) in the district as defined at N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.1 and certified upon approval of an application submitted to DCA. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(b), the bid threshold may be adjusted by the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, every five years.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.4 provides boards of education the authority to pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting. “In order to initiate competitive contracting, the board of education shall pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting each time specialized goods or services enumerated in sections 45 of L. 1999, c.440 are desired to be contracted.”

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 effective for 23-24.

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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," 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 contract 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 Reimbursement 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. Required Comments for a School Food Service Program that has not been audited as a Major Program, but has expended \$100,000 or more in Federal and/or State Support.

The food service program was not selected as a major 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 (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. Exceptions were not 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 costs of good sold.

Student Body Activities

A cash receipts and disbursements record was maintained in good order.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited in the bank.

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, bilingual and low-income. 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 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 exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Pupil Transportation, (continued)

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 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:26-12.4(g).

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

There were no prior year 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	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 as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool	0	0		0	0							
Full Day Kindergarten	11	11		11	11							
One	20	20		20	20							
Two	23	23		23	23							
Three	14	14		14	14							
Four	16	16		16	16							
Five	12	12		12	12							
Six	21	21		21	21							
Seven	28	28		28	28							
Eight	17	17		17	17							
Subtotal	162	162	0	162	162	0	19	19	0	19	19	0
Special Ed - Elementary	48	48	0				4	4		4	4	
Special Ed - Middle	39	39	0				0	0		0	0	
Special Ed - High							0	0		0	0	
Subtotal	87	87	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	4	0
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	249	249	0	162	162	0	23	23	0	23	23	0
Percentage Error												

	Transportation				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			
	Reported on DKTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DKTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors			Reported	Recalculated			Reported	Recalculated		
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	801	801	0	801	801	0										
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	24	24	0	24	24	0										
ALL Nonpublic School col. 3	135	135	0	135	135	0										
Transported - Non-Public, col. 2	22	22	0	22	22	0										
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	107	107	0	107	107	0										
Totals	1,089	1,089	0	1,089	1,089	0										
Percentage Error			0.00%													

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income		Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register
					Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool	0	0		0	0
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3		3	3
One	0	0		0	0
Two	1	1		1	1
Three	4	4		4	4
Four	1	1		1	1
Five	1	1		1	1
Six	0	0		0	0
Seven	0	0		0	0
Eight	0	0		0	0
Subtotal	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1		1	1
Special Ed - Middle	0	0		0	0
Special Ed - High	0	0		0	0
Subtotal	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular					
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.					
Totals	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>		<u>0.00%</u>

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 40,302,364	(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	\$ 6,840,434	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ -	(B2b)
Adjusted 23-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	<u>\$ 33,461,930</u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	\$ 669,239	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 669,239	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	<u>\$ 381,437</u>	(K)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		\$ <u>1,050,676</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-24 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 17,158,159	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year End Encumbrances	\$ 554,161	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ -	(C2)
Legally Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ 3,537,051	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	<u>\$ 8,978,755</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ -	(C5)
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]		\$ <u>4,088,192</u> (U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus***[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ <u>3,037,516</u>	(E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ 3,537,051	(C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus***[(E)]	<u>\$ 3,037,516</u>	(E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]		\$ <u>6,574,567</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:7-F-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, effective for the year ending June 30, 2016 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), Extraordinary Aid;

(J1) Extraordinary Aid;

(J1) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid

(J3) Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized

(J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

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

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$		(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$		(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$	313,067	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$	68,370	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$		(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$		(J4)
Maintenance of Equity Aid and State Military Impact Aid received July 2022	\$		(J5)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$	381,437	(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 the sum of the two lines must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

- **** Amount of Other Reserved Fund Balance 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 Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$	
Capital reserve	\$	7,103,797
Maintenance reserve	\$	1,538,000
Emergency reserve	\$	70,300
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)	\$	266,658
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$	
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	8,978,755 (C4)

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Reporting

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 are no prior recommendations that required corrective action.