



School District of the Chathams
County of Morris, New Jersey

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS—
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
June 30, 2020

Auditors' Management Report on Administrative Findings–
Financial, Compliance and Performance

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
School District of the Chathams
County of Morris, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing 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 School District of the Chathams in the County of Morris for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2021.

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 School District of the Chathams management and Board members and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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January 25, 2021

**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 J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District’s CAFR.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peter Daquila	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$300,000
Tatiana Gilbert	Assistant Business Administrator	\$150,000
John Csatlós	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$350,000

There is a Public Employees’ Faithful Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with coverage of \$100,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the increase or 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

An examination of claims paid during the period indicated no exceptions with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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.

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All payrolls tested were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

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 monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

No exceptions were noted during our testing of payroll.

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify any inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records, the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted, and the Position Control Roster.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2020 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable and no exceptions were noted.

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 selected 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% 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 did not disclose any exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer did not disclose any exceptions.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The District has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Fund. No exceptions were noted.

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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 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I, II, and III 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 Schedules A (K-3) and B (K-4) located in the CAFR.

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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

T.P.A.F. 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 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.

Nonpublic State Aid

Our review of the Nonpublic State Aid completion reports disclosed no exceptions.

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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 \$40,000 with a Qualified Purchasing Agent and \$29,000 without a Qualified Purchasing Agent, respectively. The law regulating the bidding for public school transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3* is \$19,000 in 2019-2020. The District by resolution has appointed the School Business Administrator as a Qualified Purchasing Agent increasing the legal bid threshold to \$40,000.

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.

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

Procedures were performed on a test basis, to indicate if any 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*, as amended. No exceptions were noted.

School Food Service

The school food service program expenditures did not exceed \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. We inquired of school management and appropriate school food service personnel as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims and as to whether the SFA's expenditures of food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the B-4 through B-6 section of the CAFR.

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

COVID-19 EMERGENCY

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COVID-19 Virus, all Public, Charter and Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food

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Authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to Free and Reduced Price eligible students during the period of school closures.

Therefore, SFA's 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 SFA's were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of Free and Reduced Price meal eligible students.

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 management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible 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.

Student Body Activities

Our audit procedures included a test of items selected from cash receipts and disbursements for the student activity accounts. No exceptions were noted during this testing.

Application for State School Aid

Because the General State Aid cluster was not tested as a major program in the 2020 fiscal year, our audit procedures did not include a test of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual. We did agree the ASSA summary report to the underlying District working papers without exception. We also performed a review of the District procedures related to its completion.

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

Because Transportation Aid was not tested as a major program in the 2020 fiscal year, our audit procedures did not include a test of on-roll status reported in the 2019-2020 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). We did agree the information presented on the DRTRS by the County/NJDOE and compared to the information presented by the District without exception.

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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 District did not purchase any buses during the 2019-2020 school year. We noted no exceptions in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (“NJSDA”) grant agreements for consistency with recording NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

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’s Findings

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. There were no prior year findings.

There were no audit reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) during the 2020 fiscal year.

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
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

Note: Detailed testing over ASSA, DRTRS, and Non-public transportation was not performed for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 as the General State Aid Cluster and Transportation Aid were not tested as major programs in the current year for Single Audit purposes.

	2020-2021 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification			Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll		Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Verified per Registers On Roll			Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools		Reported on Private Schools		
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools	Workpapers	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool	17													
Full Day Preschool	107		107											
Half Day Kindergarten	48		48											
Full Day Kindergarten	238		238											
One	260		260											
Two	247		247											
Three	257		257											
Four	299		299											
Five	268		268											
Six	293		293											
Seven	261		261											
Eight	284		284											
Nine	277		277											
Ten	309	2	309											
Eleven	272	1	272											
Twelve														
Post-Graduate														
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)														
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)														
Subtotal	3,437	3	3,437		3									
Special Ed - Elementary	230		230								1	1		
Special Ed - Middle School	173		173								7	7		
Special Ed - High School	199	1	199		1						20	20		
Subtotal	602	1	602		1						28	28		
Co. Voc. - Regular														
Co. Voc. Ft. Post. Sec.														
Totals	4,039	4	4,039		4						28	28		
Percentage Error							0.00%				0.00%			0.00%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

Note: Detailed testing over ASSA, DTRTS, and Non-public transportation was not performed for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 as the General State Aid Cluster and Transportation Aid were not tested as major programs in the current year for Single Audit purposes.

	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	1	1										
Full Day Preschool												
Half Day Kindergarten	3	3										
One	1	1										
Two	4	4					1	1				
Three	1	1										
Four	9	9										
Five												
Six	4	4										
Seven	3	3										
Eight	2	2										
Nine	3	3										
Ten	3	3										
Eleven	3	3										
Twelve	5	5										
Post-Graduate												
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)												
Subtotal	39	39					1	1				
Special Ed - Elementary	5	5					1	1				
Special Ed - Middle	2	2										
Special Ed - High	9	9										
Subtotal	16	16					1	1				
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	55	55					2	2				
Percentage Error			0.00%						0.00%			0.00%
Transportation												
	Reported on DTRTS by District	Reported on DTRTS by DOE/county	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					Reported	Recalculated
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	704	704									4.6	4.6
Reg.-SpEd, col. 4	211	211									4.6	4.6
Transported - All, col.2 & Non-Public, col. 3	205	205									10.5	10.5
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	61	61										
Totals	1,181	1,181										
Percentage Error			0.00%									

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	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						
Full Day Preschool						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten						
One	1	1				
Two	5	5				
Three	4	4				
Four	3	3				
Five	3	3				
Six	1	1				
Seven	1	1				
Eight	1	1				
Nine	1	1				
Ten	1	1				
Eleven		3				
Twelve						
Post-Graduate						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)						
Subtotal	24	24	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary						
Special Ed - Middle						
Special Ed - High						
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	24	24	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2020

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2019-20 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 79,029,804	(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, PRM, LTD and Social Security	\$ 11,110,690	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ -	(B2b)
Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures [(B) + (B1s) - (B2s)]	\$ 67,919,114	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 1,358,382	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 1,358,382	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ 56,631	(K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated - Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 1,415,013	(M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at 6-30-20 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 7,156,314	(C)
Decreased by:		
Assigned Year End Encumbrances	\$ 199,990	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ -	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ 275,424	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 3,790,000	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ -	(C5)
Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures July 1, 2020 - August 1, 2020	\$ -	(C6)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]	\$ 2,890,900	(U1)

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2020

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***
[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0- \$ 1,475,887 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's
Expenditures ** \$ 275,424 (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)] \$ 1,475,887 (E)

Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)] \$ 1,751,311 (D)

*** Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Impact Aid \$ - (H)
Sales & Lease-back \$ - (I)
Extraordinary Aid \$ 34,195 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 22,436 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized \$ - (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid \$ - (J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)] \$ 56,631 (K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2019 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

*** Amount must agree to the June 30, 2020 CAFR 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.

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JUNE 30, 2020

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	-
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$	-
Capital reserve	\$	3,540,000
Emergency reserve	\$	250,000
Maintenance reserve	\$	-
Tuition reserve	\$	-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset-current year	\$	-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset-prior year	\$	-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$	-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$	-
Other State / government madated reserve	\$	-
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$	-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	3,790,000 (C4)

**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL,
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Audit Recommendations Summary
June 30, 2020

We suggest the following:

Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

School Purchasing Programs

None

School Food Service

None

Student Body Activities

None

Application for State School Aid

None

Pupil Transportation

None

Facilities and Capital Assets

None

Miscellaneous

None

Status of Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year findings.