

**AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS –
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

of the

**Northern Valley Regional High School District Board of Education
Demarest, New Jersey**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

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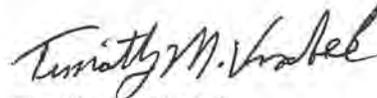
Report of Independent Auditors

Honorable President and
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Northern Valley Regional High School District
County of Bergen, New Jersey

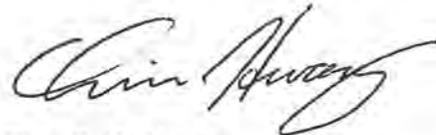
We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Northern Valley Regional High School District in the County of Bergen for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2015.

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 for the information of the Northern Valley Regional High School District 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.



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Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance

Scope of Audit

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

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John DiPaola	Treasurer of School Moneys (To 12/31/14)	\$300,000.00
Joannette Femia	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	85,000.00

Treasurer of School Moneys was bonded in accordance with provisions of Title 18A:17-32 within the minimum limits of State Board promulgated schedules.

There is Public Employee Dishonesty coverage through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$1,000,000.00

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges for the school year 2013-2014 was made. The actual costs were more than estimated costs. The Board did not make any adjustment in the school year 2014-2015 to the billings to sending districts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7A:2A-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

Claims paid during the period under review were examined on a test basis to determine that they are submitted on Board vouchers, itemized, signed by the officials as to approval for payment, endorsement for receipt of materials, allocated to the proper accounts, charged to the proper fiscal period and in agreement with bill list set forth in the approved minutes of the Board.

The review and inquiry indicate good scrutiny on the part of the Board and Board Officials regarding expenditures.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and the Board's required payroll contributions were deposited in the Payroll agency Account.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

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 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 no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

A. General Classification Findings
Not Applicable

B. Administrative Classification Finding
Not Applicable

Board Secretary's Records

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Monthly certifications of line-item appropriations and fund status were filed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) and Division of Finance Policy Bulletin 200-11.

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

The school district's double entry system of accounting records were maintained in accordance with the Department of Education's prescribed GAAP Technical Systems Manual, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-14 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.1.

The general fixed asset records were updated for the additions and disposals of general fixed assets made during the year.

All budget appropriation transfers and appropriation of Fund Balance/Additional Revenues were in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer performed cash reconciliations for the general operating account, capital projects fund, payroll account and payroll agency account in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36.

All cash receipts tested were promptly deposited.

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

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (E.S.E.A.), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the 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.

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 CAFR.

Our audit of the I.D.E.A. Part B. Basic 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.

The study of compliance for I.D.E.A. Part B. Basic funds indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective April 17, 2000, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A (Public School Contracts Law) was revised by P.L. 1999, c. 440 (originally known as Assembly bill No. 35190). The associated rules were drafted by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, with consultation from the Commissioner of Education.

Effective July 1, 2013 and thereafter the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 (Transportation) is \$18,300.00.

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (as amended) is \$26,000.00 or \$36,000.00 with a Qualified Purchasing Agent

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a., The Board of Education has increased the bid threshold from \$29,000.00 to \$36,000.00.

It is pointed out that the Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the commitments and expenditures are in compliance with the statutes and, where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of these statutes the Board attorney's opinion should be sought before commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records is not required to provide and therefore did not provide for an accumulation of payments by categories for the performance of any work or the furnishings 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. None were disclosed.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the provision or performance of any goods or services," in excess of the statutory limit 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.

The system of records is not required to provide and therefore did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal however, that the following purchases were made through the use of State contracts: Computer Equipment, Emergency Medical Kits and Pick-up Truck.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts were reviewed on a test check basis.

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

School Food Service (Continued)

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services.

The District utilizes a food service management company(FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1.

Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will break even. The operating results provision has been met.

The food service management company had a service audit performed in accordance with AICPA Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) #70, as amended by SAS #88 (effective February, 2000).

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Proprietary Funds (Exhibits B-4, B-5, B-6).

Student Activity Funds

A cash receipts and disbursement records were maintained in satisfactory condition.

All receipts were promptly deposited in the bank.

Payment authorizations were presented for audit and vendor invoices were available for examination.

The Board adopted a formal board policy that all financial and bookkeeping controls are adequate to ensure appropriate fiscal accountability and sound business practices.

Athletic Account

A cash receipts and disbursement records was maintained in satisfactory condition.

All receipts were promptly deposited in the bank.

Bills and invoices were available for comparison with the cash disbursements record.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2014 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low-income and bilingual education. 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 2014-2015 District Report of Transported Resident Student (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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our review of the prior years' SDA grant agreements disclosed that the recording of SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding the contracts for eligible facilities construction were performed subsequent to the signing of the agreement.

Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

Not Applicable

Acknowledgment

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies extended to us by Board officials and employees during the course of our audit.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	2015-2016 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 for	Sample	Sample
	A.S.S.A.		Workpapers				Selected from		Registers		Registers		A.S.S.A. as				
	On Roll		On Roll		Workpapers		On Roll		On Roll		On Roll		Private	Verification	Verified	Errors	
Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools			
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old						-	-					-	-				
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old						-	-					-	-				
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old						-	-					-	-				
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old						-	-					-	-				
Half Day Kindergarten						-	-					-	-				
Full Day Kindergarten						-	-					-	-				
One						-	-					-	-				
Two						-	-					-	-				
Three						-	-					-	-				
Four						-	-					-	-				
Five						-	-					-	-				
Six						-	-					-	-				
Seven						-	-					-	-				
Eight						-	-					-	-				
Nine	492		492			-	-	492		492		-	-				
Ten	466		466			-	-	466		466		-	-				
Eleven	532		532			-	-	532		532		-	-				
Twelve	527		527			-	-	527		527		-	-				
Post-Graduate						-	-					-	-				
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						-	-					-	-				
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)						-	-					-	-				
Subtotal	2,017		2,017			-	-	2,017		2,017		-	-				
Sp Ed - Elementary	130		130			-	-	130		130		-	-				-
Sp Ed - Middle School	41		41			-	-	41		41		-	-				-
Sp Ed - High School	342		342			-	-	342		342		-	-	29	29	29	-
Subtotal	513		513			-	-	513		513		-	-	29	29	29	-
Co. Voc. - Regular						-	-					-	-				-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						-	-					-	-				-
Totals	2,530		2,530			-	-	2,530		2,530		-	-	29	29	29	-
Percentage Error						0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED)

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

Resident Low Income

	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
Half Day Preschool			-			-
Full Day Preschool			-			-
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-
One			-			-
Two			-			-
Three			-			-
Four			-			-
Five			-			-
Six			-			-
Seven			-			-
Eight			-			-
Nine	4	4	-	4	4	-
Ten	8	8	-	8	8	-
Eleven	5	5	-	5	5	-
Twelve	4	4	-	4	4	-
Post-Graduate			-			-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)			-			-
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)			-			-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	21	21	-	21	21	-
Special Education - Elementary	1	1	-	1	1	-
Special Education - Middle School			-			-
Special Education - High School	13	13	-	13	13	-
Subtotal	14	14	-	14	14	-
Co. Voc. - Regular			-			-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	35	35	-	35	35	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED)												
BOARD OF EDUCATION												
NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL												
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014												
	Resident LEP Low Income						Resident LEP NOT Low Income					
	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 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			-			-			-			-
Two			-			-			-			-
Three			-			-			-			-
Four			-			-			-			-
Five			-			-			-			-
Six			-			-			-			-
Seven			-			-			-			-
Eight			-			-			-			-
Nine			-			-			-			-
Ten			-			-	10	10	-	10	10	-
Eleven			-			-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Twelve			-			-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Post-Graduate			-			-			-			-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)			-			-			-			-
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)			-			-			-			-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	14	14	-
Sp Ed - Elementary			-			-			-			-
Sp Ed - Middle School			-			-			-			-
Sp Ed - High School			-			-			-			-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular			-			-			-			-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.			-			-			-			-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	14	14	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONCLUDED)								
BOARD OF EDUCATION								
NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL								
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014								
Bilingual Education								
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Bilingual Education	Reported on Workpapers as Bilingual Education	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors		
Bilingual Students	15	15	-	15	15	-		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		
Transportation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		
Reg. Public Schools	335	335	-	335	335	-		
Reg. Special Ed.	19	19	-	19	19	-		
Transported - Non-Public	136	136	-	136	136	-		
Special Needs	43	44	(1)	44	44	-		
Totals	533	534	(1)	534	534	-		
Percentage Error			-0.09%			0.00%		
						Reported	Re-Calculated	
						Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK students	5.86	5.86
						Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK students	5.86	5.86
						Avg. Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs	11.8	11.8

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, EX. C-1	\$ 55,301,546.91 (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____ (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 336,200.00 (B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$ _____ (B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to Food service Fund	\$ _____ (B1d)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 4,608,855.14 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ _____ (B2b)
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ <u>51,028,891.77</u> (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ <u>1,020,577.84</u> (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ <u>1,020,577.84</u> (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments*	\$ <u>250,534.00</u> (BK)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ <u>1,271,111.84</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2015 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 3,518,718.91 (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 342,071.52 (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 ****	\$ 1,656,069.55 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 500,000.00 (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ <u>1,020,577.84</u> (U1)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal

\$ _____

Sale/lease-back reserve

\$ _____

Capital reserve

\$ 1,656,069.55

Maintenance reserve

\$ _____

Emergency reserve

\$ _____

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 General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)

\$ _____

Other state/government mandated reserve

\$ _____

[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****

\$ _____

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance

\$ 1,656,069.55 (C4)

NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenses

Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2015

Net Cash Resources:

CAFR	Current Assets		
B-4	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	62,383.93
B-4	Investments		
B-4	Due from other Governments		
B-4	Accounts Receivable		11,446.25
B-4	Interfunds Receivable		
CAFR	Current Liabilities		
B-4	Accounts Payable		(27,933.24)
B-4	Interfunds Payable		
B-4	Unearned Revenue		<u>(4,256.62)</u>
	Net Cash Resources	\$	<u>41,640.32</u> (A)

Adjusted Total Operating Expenses:

CAFR			
B-5	Total Operating Expenses	\$	940,528.76
B-5	Less: Depreciation		<u>(7,569.48)</u>
	Adjusted Total Operating Expenses	\$	<u>932,959.28</u> (B)

Average Monthly Expenses:

	(B) / 10	\$	<u>93,295.93</u>	(C)
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Three Months Average Expenses:

	3 x (C)	\$	<u>279,887.78</u>	(D)
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	Net Cash Resources	\$	41,640.32	(A)
	Three Months Average Expenses		<u>279,887.78</u>	(D)

	(A) did not exceed (D)	\$	<u>(238,247.46)</u>	
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