



STATE OF FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL

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Summary

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Report Title: **Franklin County District School Board – Financial, Operational, and Federal Single Audit**

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Summary of Report on Financial Statements

Our audit disclosed that the District's basic financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with prescribed financial reporting standards.

Summary of Report on Internal Control and Compliance

We noted a certain matter involving the District's internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a significant deficiency, as summarized below. However, the significant deficiency is not considered to be a material weakness.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

Finding No. 1: Financial reporting procedures could be improved to ensure that accounts and transactions are properly reported on the financial statements.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; however, we noted certain additional matters as summarized below.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Finding No. 2: During the 2012-13 fiscal year, the District's General Fund total assigned and unassigned fund balance declined 203 percent from \$222,495.95 to a deficit \$230,053.24, representing a fund balance reduction of \$452,549.19. Under these circumstances, the District has significantly less resources for emergencies and unforeseen situations than other school districts of comparable size.

Finding No. 3: The District retained certain State capital outlay appropriations that were subject to reversion to the State and certain appropriations were not used for authorized purposes.

Finding No. 4: District records did not always evidence that ad valorem tax levy proceeds were used for authorized purposes, resulting in \$27,710 of questioned costs.

Finding No. 5: The Board had not established a documented process to identify instructional personnel entitled to differentiated pay using the factors prescribed in Section 1012.22(1)(c)4.b., Florida Statutes.

Finding No. 6: District procedures could be enhanced to ensure timely contributions are made to the Florida Retirement System as required.

Finding No. 7: The District classified one worker as an independent contractor rather than a District employee, although the worker appeared to be an employee based on Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

Finding No. 8: Controls over facilities maintenance activities could be enhanced.

Finding No. 9: Improvements were needed in controls over the reporting of instructional contact hours for adult general education classes to the Florida Department of Education.

Finding No. 10: The District did not timely and prominently post all required budget information on its Web site.

Finding No. 11: The District did not timely deactivate information technology (IT) access privileges of some former and reassigned employees.

Finding No. 12: District IT security controls related to data loss prevention and management of access privileges needed improvement.

Summary of Report on Federal Awards

We audited the District's Federal awards for compliance with applicable Federal requirements. The Child Nutrition Cluster and Title I programs were audited as major Federal programs. The results of our audit indicated that the District materially complied with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs.

Audit Objectives and Scope

Our audit objectives were to determine whether the Franklin County District School Board and its officers with administrative and stewardship responsibilities for District operations had:

- Presented the District's basic financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- Established and implemented internal control over financial reporting and compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on a major Federal program;
- Established internal controls that promote and encourage: 1) compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; 2) the economic and efficient operation of the District; 3) the reliability of records and reports; and 4) the safeguarding of District assets;
- Complied with the various provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that are material to the financial statements, and those applicable to the District's major Federal programs; and
- Taken corrective actions for findings included in our report No. 2013-159.

The scope of this audit included an examination of the District's basic financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. We obtained an understanding of the District's environment, including its internal control, and assessed the risk of material misstatement necessary to plan the audit of the basic financial statements and Federal awards. We also examined various transactions to determine whether they were executed, both in manner and substance, in accordance with governing provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Audit Methodology

The methodology used to develop the findings in this report included the examination of pertinent District records in connection with the application of procedures required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

Management's response is included in the audit report as Exhibit A.