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Accountability Audit Report

North Kitsap School District No. 400

Kitsap County

For the period September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

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Board of Directors
North Kitsap School District No. 400
Poulsbo, Washington

Report on Accountability

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role of providing state and local governments with assurance and accountability as the independent auditor of public accounts. In this way, we strive to help government work better, cost less, deliver higher value and earn greater public trust.

Independent audits provide essential accountability and transparency for District operations. This information is valuable to management, the governing body and public stakeholders when assessing the government's stewardship of public resources.

The attached comprises our independent audit report on the District's compliance with applicable requirements and safeguarding of public resources for the areas we examined. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff and we value your cooperation during the audit.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy
State Auditor
Olympia, WA

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AUDIT RESULTS

This report describes the overall results and conclusions for the areas we examined. In most of the areas we examined, except as described below, District operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over safeguarding of public resources.

As referenced above, we noted certain matters that we communicated to District management and Board of Directors in a letter dated May 17, 2018, related to the facilities department tracking of small and attractive assets and fuel usage. We appreciate the District's commitment to resolving those matters.

About the audit

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of North Kitsap School District No. 400 from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

Management is responsible for ensuring compliance and adequate safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss or abuse. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to these objectives.

This audit was conducted under the authority of RCW 43.09.260, which requires the Office of the State Auditor to examine the financial affairs of all local governments. Our audit involved performing procedures to obtain evidence about the District's uses of public resources, compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures, and internal controls over such matters.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, based on our risk assessment for the year ended August 31, 2017, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- IT Risks – user access to financial and student data in Skyward
- Basic enrollment – reported FTE at Poulsbo Middle School and Kingston High School
- Self-insurance – vision insurance
- Small and attractive assets, fuel usage, tracking of supplies and materials, and
- Evaluation of the District's financial condition and sustainability
- Payroll – large pay increases, leave payouts and bus driver payroll
- General disbursements and Amazon purchases using District credit cards

scrap materials in the Facilities
Department

- Tracking of IT assets at Poulsbo
Middle School

- Procurement – public works and
change orders

RELATED REPORTS

Financial

Our opinion on the District's financial statements and compliance with federal grant program requirements is provided in a separate report, which includes the District's financial statements. That report is available on our website, <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

Federal grant programs

We evaluated internal controls and tested compliance with the federal program requirements, as applicable, for the District's major federal program, which is listed in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs section of the separate financial statement and single audit report. That report is available on our website, <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT

North Kitsap School District No. 400 is located on the northern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula which includes the communities of Poulsbo, Kingston, Hansville, Indianola and Suquamish. The District provides basic education and related services to approximately 6,065 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The District operates six elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, the Spectrum Community School, West Sound Vocational Skills Center and the Running Start program with Olympic College.

An elected, five-member Board of Directors governs the District. The Board appoints a Superintendent to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its 860 employees. For fiscal year 2017, the District operated on an annual budget of approximately \$76 million.

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Audit history

You can find current and past audit reports for North Kitsap School District No. 400 at <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

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The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

We work with our audit clients and citizens to achieve our vision of government that works for citizens, by helping governments work better, cost less, deliver higher value, and earn greater public trust.

In fulfilling our mission to hold state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources, we also hold ourselves accountable by continually improving our audit quality and operational efficiency and developing highly engaged and committed employees.

As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments as well as [fraud](#), state [whistleblower](#) and [citizen hotline](#) investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our [website](#) and through our free, electronic [subscription](#) service.

We take our role as partners in accountability seriously, and provide training and technical assistance to governments, and have an extensive quality assurance program.

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