

# **Washington State Auditor's Office**

## **Accountability Audit Report**

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### **Marysville School District No. 25** **Snohomish County**

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## Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley

April 28, 2014

Board of Directors  
Marysville School District No. 25  
Marysville, Washington

### ***Report on Accountability***

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your District to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role to advocate for government accountability and transparency and to promote positive change.

Please find attached our report on Marysville School District No. 25's accountability and compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

**TROY KELLEY**  
STATE AUDITOR

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# Audit Summary

## Marysville School District No. 25 Snohomish County April 8, 2014

### ***ABOUT THE AUDIT***

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Marysville School District No. 25 from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013.

We evaluated internal controls and performed audit procedures on the activities of the District. We also determined whether the District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- Payroll disbursements
- Transportation
- General disbursements
- Cash receipting
- Basic enrollment
- Small and attractive assets

### ***RESULTS***

In most areas, the District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

However, we noted certain matters that we communicated to District management. We appreciate the District's commitment to resolving those matters.

## **Related Reports**

**Marysville School District No. 25**  
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### ***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.

### ***FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS***

We evaluated internal controls and tested compliance with the federal program requirements, as applicable, for the District's major federal programs, which are listed in the Federal Summary section of the financial statement and single audit report. That report includes a federal finding regarding time and effort for the Special Education program.

## **Description of the District**

### **Marysville School District No. 25 Snohomish County April 8, 2014**

#### ***ABOUT THE DISTRICT***

Marysville School District No. 25 provides public school services to approximately 11,133 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The District's service area covers approximately 70 square miles and includes the city of Marysville and neighboring portions of Snohomish County. The District has eight high schools, seven of which are small learning community high schools, three middle schools, one middle option school, one School-Home Partnership Program, 10 elementary schools, an early childhood program, developmental preschool, and one online program.

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 staff of approximately 700 certificated and 600 classified employees. For fiscal years 2012 and 2013, the District budgeted general fund expenditures of \$112.6 million and \$112.4 million, respectively.

#### ***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Directors:

Chris Nation  
Cindy Erickson  
Darci Becker (through November 2011)  
Pete Lundberg (effective November 2011)  
Wendy Fryberg  
Sherri Crenshaw (through November 2011)  
Dr. Thomas Albright (effective November 2011)

Note: Mariana Maksimos replaced Cindy Erickson in December 2013 and Bruce Larson replaced Wendy Fryberg in November 2013.

## ***APPOINTED OFFICIALS***

Superintendent

Dr. Larry Nyland (through June 2013)

Dr. Becky Berg (effective July 2013)

## ***DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION***

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## ***AUDIT HISTORY***

We audit the District annually. The District received a finding in 2009 due to internal control weaknesses and noncompliance in its Title I grant and a finding in 2010 was issued due to noncompliance in its School Improvement grant. The District received a finding in both 2011 and 2012 due to internal control weaknesses over procurement of professional services in its School Improvement grant. It also received a finding in 2011 due to control weaknesses over expending grant funds after the grant period ended. The District has been responsive in addressing audit issues presented and has resolved all of the findings.



## **ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

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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 as an advocate for government accountability. 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.

The State Auditor's Office employees are located around the state to deliver services effectively and efficiently.

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 and fraud, whistleblower and citizen hotline investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our Web site and through our free, electronic subscription service.

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