

# **Washington State Auditor's Office**

## **Accountability Audit Report**

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### **Spokane School District No. 81** **Spokane County**

Report Date  
**April 7, 2014**

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**Washington State Auditor**  
**Troy Kelley**

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## Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley

May 19, 2014

Board of Directors  
Spokane School District No. 81  
Spokane, 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 Spokane School District No. 81'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

## Spokane School District No. 81 Spokane County April 7, 2014

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

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Spokane School District No. 81 from September 1, 2012 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:

- Cash receipting
- Contracts/agreements
- Insurance/risk management
- Student transportation reporting
- Associated Student Body activities
- Financial condition

### ***RESULTS***

In the areas we examined, the District's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.

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| <b>Related Reports</b> |
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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.

## **Description of the District**

### **Spokane School District No. 81**

#### **Spokane County**

**April 7, 2014**

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

Spokane School District No. 81 serves approximately 28,300 students in kindergarten through 12th grade in Spokane County. The District has 34 elementary schools, six middle schools, six high schools, a vocational skills center and a number of special programs. The District also provides online courses for middle and high school students through Spokane Virtual Learning.

An elected, five-member Board of Directors governs the District. The Board appoints a Superintendent who is responsible for the daily operations as well as its 3,230 employees. For fiscal year 2013, the District operated on an annual general fund budget of approximately \$316 million.

### ***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Directors:

Robert Douthitt  
Jeffrey Bierman  
Deana Brower  
Susan Chapin  
Rocco Treppiedi

### ***APPOINTED OFFICIALS***

Superintendent  
Associate Superintendent, School  
Support Services  
Chief Financial Officer  
Chief Academic Officer  
Chief Human Resources Officer

Shelley Redinger  
  
Mark Anderson  
Linda McDermott  
Steven Gering  
Tennille Jeffries-Simmons

### ***DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION***

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### ***AUDIT HISTORY***

We audit the District annually. This audit marked the 10th consecutive accountability audit where no findings were reported for the District.



## **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.

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

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