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King County

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Lake Washington School District No. 414
Redmond, 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 Lake Washington School District No. 414'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,

BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Lake Washington School District No. 414 for the period from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009.

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 –
 - Food services
 - Summer school tuition
 - Associated Student Body gate receipts and fund raising
- Small and attractive assets such as computers
- Apportionment – teacher education and experience (staff mix) reporting
- Donations/fundraising
- Open public meetings/records laws
- Disbursements/expenditures
- Apportionment – enrollment reporting
- Limitation of indebtedness
- Procurement (bidding/prevaling wage)

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.

Related Reports

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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

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ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Lake Washington School District No. 414 serves more than 23,765 students from preschool through 12th grade in east King County. The District operates four high schools, seven junior high schools, 27 elementary schools and 12 choice schools.

An elected, five-member Board of Directors governs the District. The Board appoints management to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its approximately 2,887 employees. For fiscal year 2008-2009, the District operated on an annual budget of approximately \$218 million.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Directors:

Jackie Pendergrass
Ravi Shahani
Nancy Bernard
Doug Eglington
Christopher Carlson

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Chip Kimball
Janene Fogard

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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District annually. The past five audits of the District have reported three findings: one finding regarding compliance with federal suspension and debarment requirements in 2005, one finding regarding compliance with allowable activities in 2008 and one finding regarding internal controls for confirming teacher graduation status in 2008.

All three findings have been resolved. District management has positively acknowledged our audit recommendations.



ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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.

Our mission is to work in cooperation 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 our 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 continue to refine our reporting efforts to ensure the results of our audits are useful and understandable.

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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