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King County

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Board of Directors
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 from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011.

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:

- Open public meetings
- Alternative Learning Experience
- Financial condition
- Bond compliance

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

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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 24,500 students from pre-school through 12th grade in east King County. It encompasses 76 square miles and serves the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, and parts of Sammamish, Bothell and Woodinville. The District operates four high schools, seven junior high schools, 27 elementary schools and 12 choice schools.

The District is governed by an elected, five-member Board of Directors. The Board appoints a Superintendent to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its approximately 2,800 employees. The District's fiscal year 2011 General Fund budget was approximately \$220 million.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Directors:

Jackie Pendergrass
Ravi Shahani
Doug Eglington
Chris Carlson
Nancy Bernard

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Chip Kimball
Dr. Traci Pierce
Janene Fogard

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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District annually. The District has been free of findings for the past three audits. District management has been responsive to 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 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.

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