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Auditor General DeFoor: Audit Shows Juniata County School District Received \$363,487 Overpayment from State, Recommends PDE Withhold Funds to Make up Difference

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today released an audit showing the Juniata County School District received a net overpayment of \$363,487 in state funding due to the district’s lack of internal controls.

“We recommend the Pennsylvania Department of Education adjust the district’s future allocations to balance out the overpayment found by our audit,” DeFoor said. “School districts must have strong internal controls in place to ensure they receive the exact amount of state funding they are supposed to receive.”

Districts must report data to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to qualify for reimbursement of certain costs. The audit found:

- The district inaccurately reported the number of foster students it educated during the 2016-17 through 2019-20 school districts, resulting in a net overpayment of \$363,487.
- The district inaccurately reported career and technical education enrollment data for the 2016-17 school year, resulting in a \$24,402 underpayment.
- The district also inaccurately reported the number of nonpublic and charter school students it transported during the 2016-17 through 2019-20 school years, resulting in a \$23,870 underpayment.

The audit recommends that the district adopt new internal controls over the process of collecting and reporting data to PDE. The district agreed to take corrective actions.

Review the latest [Juniata County School District audit report](#) and learn more about the Department of the Auditor General online at www.PaAuditor.gov.

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