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## Auditor General DeFoor Releases Audits for School Districts in Allegheny, Franklin, Lancaster, Montgomery and Susquehanna Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today announced the release of audit reports for five school districts, several of which found a lack of internal controls that resulted in reimbursement overpayments to those districts totaling over \$300,000.

"Our audits ensure there is transparency and accountability for how schools spend taxpayer dollars," DeFoor said. "I encourage Pennsylvanians to stay involved at the local level so they can better understand where their money goes."

The Department of the Auditor General examines the records of school districts, charter schools, intermediate units and area vocational-technical schools. The audit assessments include whether school entities received the state subsidies and reimbursements to which they were entitled, accurately managed taxpayer funds, and complied with ethics codes.

Audits are shared with the state Department of Education so that future reimbursements to school districts can be adjusted to balance out past errors.

The full audit reports are available online using the links provided below.

#### **Allegheny County**

Allegheny Valley School District – Two findings: The district's lack of internal controls resulted in a transportation reimbursement overpayment of \$103,515. It also led to the inaccurate reporting of nonresident student data, resulting in an overpayment of \$40,866.

#### **Franklin County**

Fannett-Metal School District – Two findings: The district's lack of internal controls led to inaccurate reporting of nonresident student data, resulting in an overpayment of \$9,142. Inadequate internal controls also led to a failure to ensure compliance with driver qualification and clearance requirements.

#### **Lancaster County**

Pequea Valley School District – One finding: The district's lack of internal controls led to inaccurate reporting of nonresident student data, resulting in an overpayment of \$33,905.

#### **Montgomery County**

<u>Upper Perkiomen School District</u> – Three findings: The district's lack of internal controls led to inaccurate reporting of nonresident student data, resulting in an overpayment of \$216,895. It also resulted in a transportation reimbursement underpayment of \$9,240. The district also failed to comply with state law and associated regulations by not maintaining complete records for and properly monitoring its contracted bus drivers.

### Susquehanna County

Blue Ridge School District - No findings.

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