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Auditor General DeFoor Releases Audits for School Districts in Carbon, Lackawanna, Montgomery and Perry Counties

HARRISBURG— Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today announced the release of audit reports for four school districts, each of which found transportation reimbursements that were miscalculated or could not be audited.

"Pennsylvania taxpayers deserve to know if school administrators are using their resources efficiently and effectively," DeFoor said. "Our audits help to make sure school districts receive every dollar of state transportation funding they are owed."

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.

Carbon County

[Palmerton Area School District](#)— Two findings: A lack of internal controls resulted in a transportation reimbursement overpayment of \$113,217. The district also failed to maintain complete records for and properly monitor its contracted bus drivers, as required by law.

Lackawanna County

[Dunmore School District](#)— One finding: A lack of internal controls resulted in a transportation reimbursement overpayment of \$20,990.

Montgomery County

[Methacton School District](#)— Two findings: Inadequate documentation and a failure to implement internal controls resulted in an inability to audit more than \$8.2 million in transportation reimbursements. The district also failed to maintain complete records for and properly monitor its contracted bus drivers, as required by law.

Perry County

[Newport School District](#) – One finding: A lack of internal controls resulted in a \$13,680 overpayment in supplemental transportation reimbursements.

Review audits of other school districts and learn more about the Department of the Auditor General online at www.PaAuditor.gov.

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